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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

In a sensational form the semi-official "Giornale d'Italia" publishes what it claims to be extracts from an original report written by the inter-Ministerial committee appointed by England in June, 1935, for the Abyssinian question.

According to the "Giornale" the Committee took the view that in the agreement of 1906 England "recognised almost all Abyssinia as an Italian sphere of influence," and moreover "that in Abyssinia and its neighbouring territories there are no British interests so vital that the British Government would be compelled to oppose a conquest of Abyssinia by Italy."

Tuesday's much commented upon leader in the *Temps* suggesting that a favourable moment has now come to seek peace, is resented by the press here in the sharpest terms.

The *Tribuna* calls the *Temps* proposals "ridiculous and confused." The paper continues: "The victorious Italy has no obligations to take the initiative, least of all in the direction suggested. The Laval-Hoare plan is dead and buried, as the leader of British politics has himself said. If the *Temps* really thinks advice is necessary, then this should be given to the Negus, who alone, after his severe defeat, should feel the necessity of taking the initiative."

The tone adopted by other leading papers agrees with that of the *Tribuna*.

VIGOROUS DENIAL
Rome: All rumours that the Negus has proposed peace negotiations are vigorously denied by authoritative Italian quarters.

The British Ambassador, Sir Eric Drummond, had a long conversation with Signor Mussolini, when he pointed out the exact positions of the British Red Cross stations, so that these might be avoided by the Italian air attacks. —Trans-Ocean Service.

OIL EXPERTS REPORT

Italian Position Outlined

London, To-day. — The report of the committee of oil experts has been published as a White Paper. It is stated that the Italian sources of the supply of oil are insignificant, except from the United States; that oil from the Albanian oil fields, which are owned by Italian interests, is of poor quality, and also that the quantity is small, as production has just begun. Synthetic substitutes could not be produced in large quantities by Italy, but she might for the sake of economy use substitutes distilled from oil. It is learned from Whitehall that Mr. Anthony Eden is representing Britain on the Committee of Eighteen, which will meet shortly to discuss the report of the committee of oil experts. —Reuter's Bulletin Service.

TRAGIC DEATH DURING BERLIN LECTURE

Berlin, To-day. — While the Charge d'Affaires of Ecuador gave a lecture in Berlin University on "Bolivar the Liberator," the aged founder of the German-Spanish Association, Professor Dr. Wilhelm Gmit, suddenly died of heart failure. —Trans-Ocean Service.

NEW NAVAL TREATY

LONDON DRAFT COMPLETED

Difficulties Still in Sight

SIZE OF BATTLESHIPS

London, To-day. — A two-hour meeting of the drafting committee of the Naval Conference took place yesterday and completed the draft treaty, but the battleship and political difficulties threaten to hold up the conference for some time. The French approach to the U.S. State Department, when M. La Boule, French Ambassador (Continued on Page 12)

NAVAL RESCUE RECALLED

American Awards For British Seamen

Washington, To-day. — Senator Trammell has introduced a Bill into Congress authorising President Roosevelt to present the Distinguished Service Medal to Commander Todd and the Navy Cross to Lieutenant-Commander Kitchin of the British destroyer *Whitby* for the rescue of the crew of the U.S.S. *Fulton*, which was destroyed by fire while en route to Hong Kong on March 14, 1934. —Reuter.

MORE TROUBLE BY STUDENTS

Resignations Cause Clamour

Peiping, To-day. — The students of Tsinghua University are now clamouring for the withdrawal of the resignations of 68 members of the Faculty, from the total of 74 who resigned en bloc on January 19 owing to the uproar created by the students after the announcement that their demand for the abolition of the semi-annual examinations was rejected. The examinations were due to start on January 19, but the students did not appear. —Reuter.

CRISIS IN SPAIN

GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

Dramatic Return Of Rebel Leader

LEFTIST REGIME EXPECTED

Madrid, To-day. — The Portelas Government has resigned, despite President Zamora's desire that it should remain in office until the Cortes is opened. It is almost certain that Don Agana will head a new Leftist Government, with Senor Barrios as Minister of Interior. Both are former Premiers.

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Don Azana Forms Cabinet

Madrid, Later. — Don Azana has formed a Cabinet consisting of 11 members of his Republican Left Party and two Republican Union members.

The new Premier was greeted with delicious enthusiasm when, accompanied by the members of the Cabinet, he appeared at a balcony of the Ministry of Interior and promised that the first task of the new Republican Government would be an immediate amnesty for political prisoners and exiles and the reinstatement of the officials who lost their posts after the revolt of October 1934. —Reuter.

NATIVE COAL IN CANTON

PROTECTIVE TAX INSTITUTED

SPECIAL LEVY FOR FOREIGN PRODUCT

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day. — Foreign coal coming into Canton is now liable to a special tax in addition to the usual Customs duty. The new tax will be collected on February 27, it was learned this morning.

No special tax office will be created to collect the new impost, but all payments will be made to the existing Geological Products Tax Bureau, a subsidiary office of the Provincial Department of Finance. The collection will not be relegated to tax "farmers," but directly levied.

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CHINA'S NEW BONDS

Exchange Regulations Issued

Shanghai, To-day. — According to the *North China Daily News*, the regulations governing the exchange of the existing Government bonds for the 25-year Consolidated Bonds have been issued by the Ministry of Finance.

According to Article 2 of the regulations, bondholders in Shanghai are to go to the bond exchange for the new bonds, beginning on March 21. Bondholders outside Shanghai may have the bonds exchanged at the Central Bank and the Bank of Communications in their respective localities.

The limit for the exchange of the new bonds has been fixed at June 23. —Reuter.

NORTH-CHINA ISSUES

More Optimistic Outlook

NO FURTHER MOVE LIKELY BY JAPAN

Nanking, To-day.

North China issues will form a prominent subject at the forthcoming Sino-Japanese negotiations, according to well-informed Chinese circles, who expressed the opinion that the opening of negotiations with a view to restoring Sino-Japanese relations to normal, is now a greater certainty, in view of the decisions reached at the recent conference between the Japanese Ministries.

The opinion is also held in Chinese circles that Japan is not likely to make any further move in North China. —Reuter.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA

Complete Agreement On Danubian Policy

MEETING AT FLORENCE

Rome, To-day.

Following conversations between Signor Savich and the Austrian Foreign Minister, Baron von Berger-Waldenegg, dealing chiefly with the Danubian problem, a communique states that the Ministers were in complete agreement and confirmed their intention of following the policy outlined in the Italo-Austro-Hungarian agreement of 1934. —Reuter.

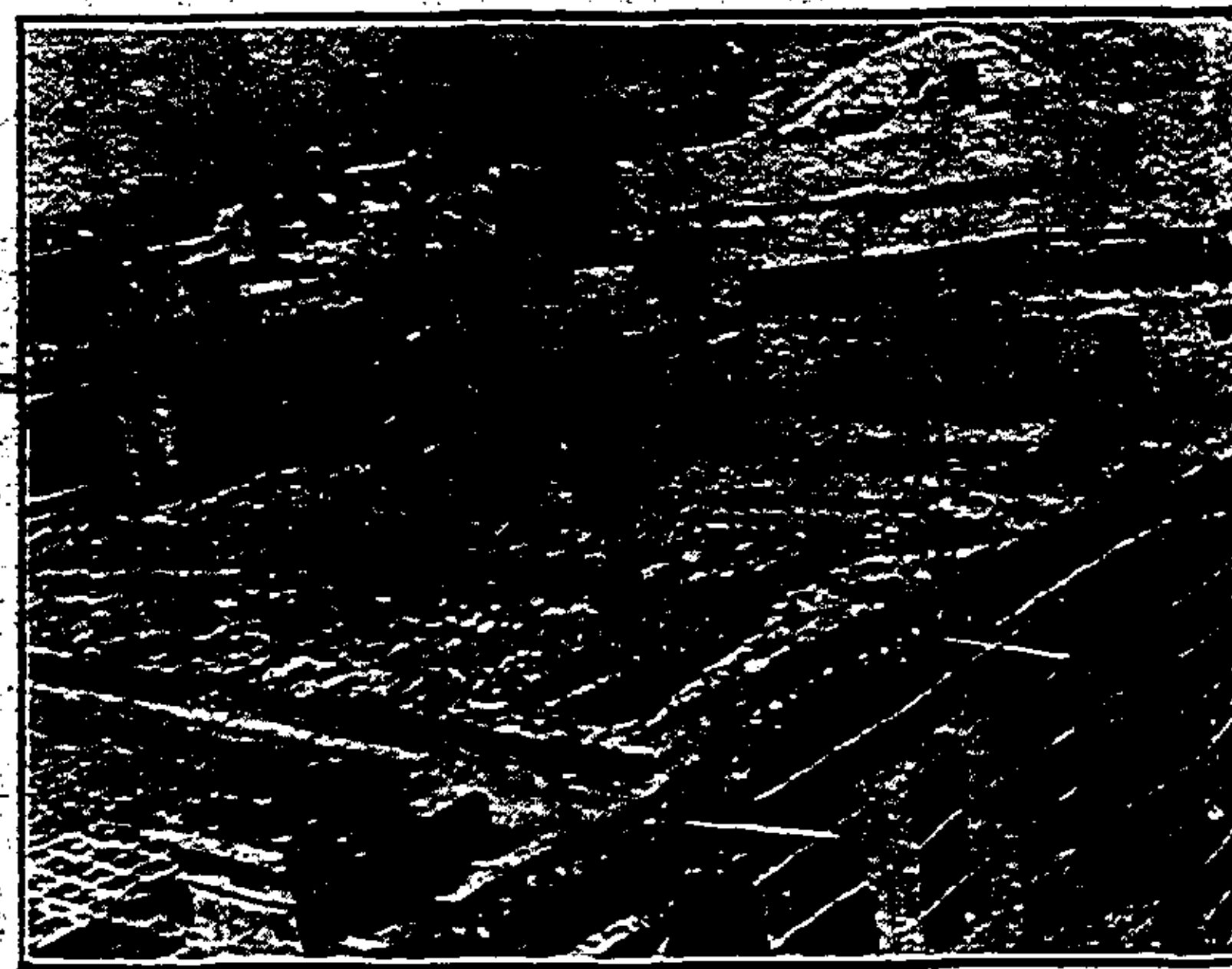
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ELECTIONS IN JAPAN

877 Candidates For Office

Tokyo, To-day.

Altogether 14,479,553 males are entitled to vote at 14,000 polling stations throughout the Japanese Empire to-day in the general elections, in which 877 candidates will contest 466 seats in the House of Representatives. —Reuter.



Two pictures taken a few minutes after the *Incident* house collapsed in Woosung Street, Yau-mat, yesterday. (Top) the first and second houses with shoring up to prevent the walls from collapsing. (Bottom) a panoramic view of the disaster. ("China Mail" photo).

SOVIET RUSSIAN POLICY JAPANESE WAR MINISTRY ISSUES PAMPHLET

Tokyo, To-day.

The War Office has issued a 46-page pamphlet commemorating the Russo-Japanese War, pointing out the differences in the Russian and Japanese conditions in 1905 and 1936, and stressing that Russia is pursuing the same aggressive policy in the Far East, but that the Soviet method is more skilful and thorough than that under Tsarism.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS

Liner Loses Her Propeller

New York, To-day.

The 7,000-ton Liverpool liner *Nova Scotia*, voyaging from Nova Scotia to New York, has sent out an S.O.S. for immediate assistance, stating that she has lost her propeller. It is believed that she is off the coast of Florida. —Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has increased in intensity, and pressure continues highest to the north of Shanghai. The northern depression has passed into the Pacific to the north-east of Hakkai, and the southern depression, although very shallow, remains over Indo-China. North-east winds, moderate to fresh, cloudy, some fog, mist or drizzle, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

FLYING BOATS DELAYED

The two Royal Air Force Singapore Flying Boats have not yet left the Colony for Amoy, Shanghai and Japan, and are now awaiting favourable weather conditions on the China coast.

RESCUE WORK IN YAUMATI

Precarious Position Of Retaining Walls

SEARCH FOR VICTIMS DELAYED

The authorities are making every effort to recover the bodies of any other victims of the Yaumati house collapse tragedy, which occurred yesterday morning. They are attempting to blow the walls down with fire hoses, a work which has lasted all the morning, but with indifferent success. In the last resort the wreckage will have to be blown up with dynamite, in which case the civil authorities will approach either the Navy or the Royal Engineers for the services of a dynamite party.

The demolition work now proceeding is extremely dangerous for the would-be rescuers. The retaining walls of the collapsed building are in a precarious condition, so that even the shoring-up process is fraught with considerable danger to workmen. For these reasons it has not been considered safe to send any men within the debris at the present moment to search for victims; but the efforts to make this possible are proceeding as fast as possible.

Woman Believed Buried In Debris

Later: The Fire Brigade started playing a hose on the wall dividing House No. 4 from House No. 6 at 11 o'clock, and 35 minutes later they brought another hose into play, and by 12.30 p.m. the Brigade had succeeded in bringing down the dividing walls of Houses 4 and 6, and 6 and 8.

They will now shore up the remaining portions of the partly demolished walls of House No. 4, which consists mainly of frontage, after which they intend demolishing the walls of Nos. 2 and 4 in the same way.

It is believed that Ho Yee, a 59-year-old woman, is buried in the debris in No. 4, and it is also feared that three persons who were working on the ground floor of House No. 6 at the time of the collapse, are also still buried.

Excavation work was rendered impossible owing to the dangerous conditions of the walls, and for this reason, the work was delayed until 1.30 p.m., when digging was commenced.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, had a narrow escape from being seriously injured when a falling brick hit him on the forehead, but fortunately it caused only a minor bruise.

Traffic down Nathan Road is still being diverted through Jordan Road.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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Saigon-Marseilles via Saigon
Singapore-Australia

Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Office. All letters etc., must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

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FROM EUROPE

Feb.
Corfu (via Suez) 20
Levern (via Siberia) 20
Hong Peng (Air Mail ex
Imperial Service) 21

FROM SHANGHAI

Feb.
Gneisenau 21
Kilano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 21
Rio de Janeiro Maru 22
Conte Verde 22
Chenoncaux 22
Memnon 22
Teiresias 22
Burdwan 22
Hakozaki Maru 22
Hakone Maru 22

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Feb.
Nagato Maru 20
Pres. Grant 20
Toba Maru 20
Hong Peng 20
Tango Maru 20
Kumaeu 20

FROM U.S.A.

Feb.
Pres. Grant 21
Emp. of Japan 21
Pres. Polk 21

FROM MANILA

Feb.
Neptuna 20
Atsuta Maru 20
Pres. Hoover 20
General Lee 20

FROM JAPAN

Feb.
Kitano Maru 21
Pres. Grant 21
Cathay 21
Tokio Maru 21
Emp. of Japan 21
Hakone Maru 21
Pres. Polk 21

FROM AUSTRALIA

Feb.
Atsuta Maru 20

OUTWARD MAILS
FOR EUROPE

Feb.
Atsuta Maru 20
Cathay (via Marseilles) 21
Closes: Reg. 1.45 a.m.
Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Pres. Hoover 21
Gneisenau (via Marseilles) 21
Closes: Reg. 5.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Conte Verde (via Brindisi) 22
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Athos II (via Siberia) 22
Corfu (via Marseilles) 22
Memnon (via Marseilles) 24
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

FOR SHANGHAI

Feb.
Pres. Hoover 21
General Lee 21
Athos II 21
Corfu 22

WOMENS PAGE



Tulle And Lace Draperies

Brings Improvement To Wardrobe

London.
Every woman is making additions that will bring a quick change with a festive touch to the silhouette of a well worn evening gown.

Providing its contour is of slim-line smother with silken tulle or fine cotton net. There are different ways of doing this, one being an overskirt cut to form and slightly gathered into a coloured belt of wide taffeta, moire, satin

GETTING READY FOR THE SPRING

Beret With Coolie Effect

LOW HATS NOW FAVOURED

While London women are shivering and drawing their fur coats higher round their necks, all milliners who dare to define themselves "smart" are delighting in their newly-arrived spring fashions writes a correspondent.

To-day, I left cold heartless January outside the salon of a very fashionable milliner. Inside, I was reminded of that popular air "When it's June in January." It is too early for London women to purchase spring millinery, but there were several more fortunate cousins, Mediterranean-bound, who were revelling in trying on hats for warmer climes.

The straws of these new styles are charming and so soft that they look more like a textile fabric. While an entirely different note is struck by the drawn-thread or lace effect of the straws.

Coolie Effects
Although a woman can "get away with" practically any type of hat, there is usually a predominating influence. This year hats, as a whole, will have some Chinese trend as a result of the Exhibition held recently.

The newest beret has a coolie effect in the stiff ribbed silk circle, tilted over a skull cap, while the ribbing ends in a tuft on top. There are squat silk mandarin caps that look like square topcosies embroidered as they are all round and surmounted by a button plumb in the middle.

Other coolie styles with rolled-up brims carry a shaggy flower in velvet or silk on top. In the battle between high hats and low ones, the latter are going all out for victory.

But there is a definitely movement towards square crowns, whatever their depths.

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or velvet ribbon which will tie in a big bow at the back and possibly dip into sash streamers. In this case merely cover the décolleté of your corsage with a triangular shawl of the tulle.

Long fringe can be treated in the same spirit except that it cannot be gathered. It is attached for preference to an antelope belt. Instep length dinner gowns can be covered as well as trained ones, but in the latter case only to tunic levels gauged from between waist to knees. The fringe can also be inserted round arm-holes of corsages, and if there is a scarf drop to a gown the ends can be finished with fringe.

Mat-black crepe and satin evening gowns are ideal for other black tulle additions urged by a Paris designer. These enhance slender contours and come in the form of rolling capelets, three-tiered cape-cloaks that swing from shoulder to shoulder and hang to the ground, where they make a sort of peacock-tail-spread, box jackets and even half-length swaggy coats of raglan style with double-breasted fronts. One of these coats looks enchanting in duck-egg blue silken tulle over a slender mat crepe gown to tone.

Black net stoles are other items. They are fairly wide and concertina up when placed across the front neckline before hanging from either shoulder to back ground lengths, slightly weighted by a series of superimposed frills. There are gathered falls of black tulle, too, that bring a contrast to a pale shell pink gown when cascading down either side of the back skirtline.

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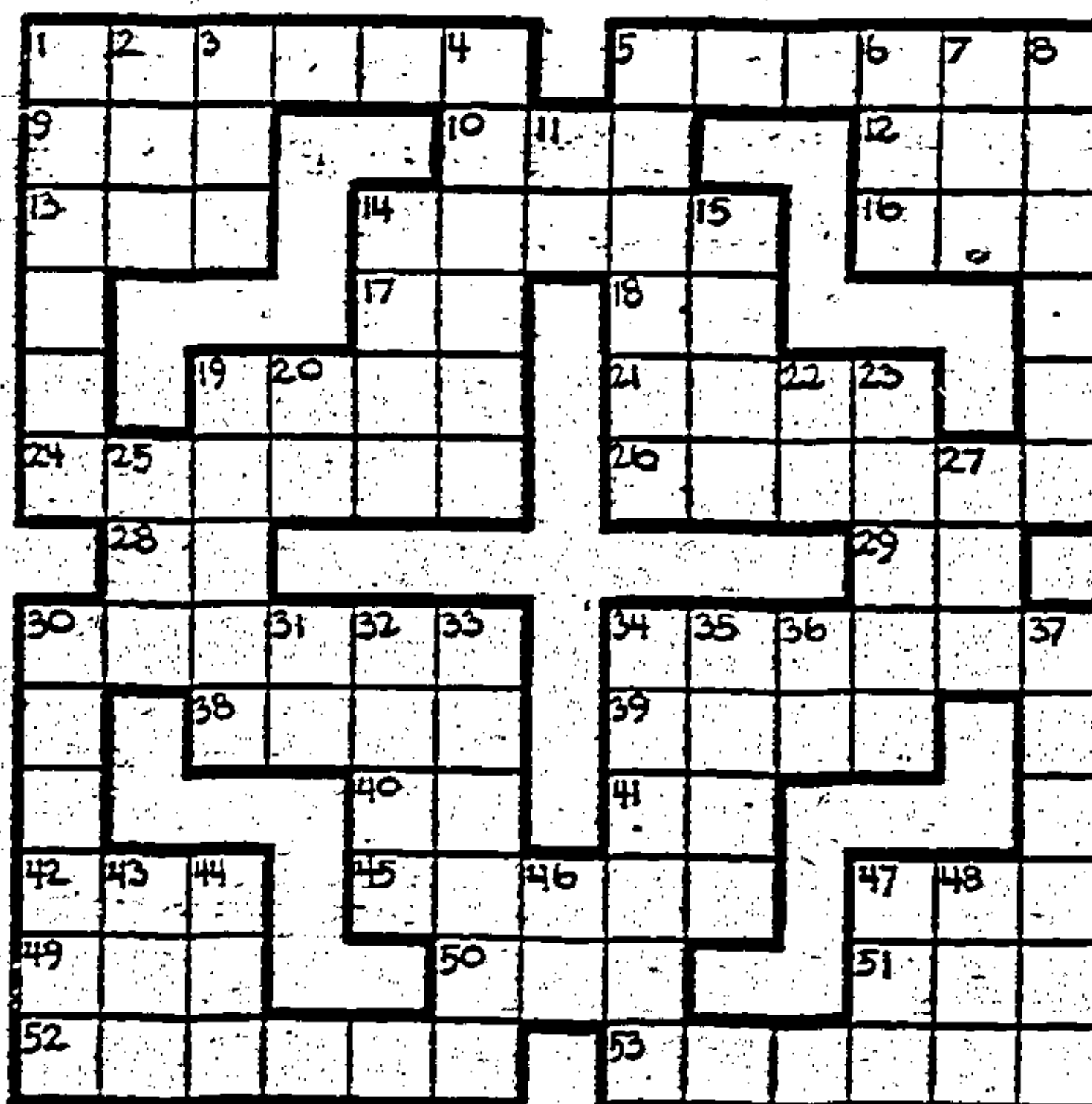
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Odd
- 5-Trembled
- 9-Vase with a foot
- 10-Bone of the body
- 12-Anger
- 13-Island in inland waters
- 15-Man's name
- 16-The (Ger)
- 17-One or any
- 18-Negative
- 19-Large cask
- 21-Turkish official
- 24-Affirms
- 26-Declines
- 28-Exists
- 29-Very
- 30-Reply sharply
- 34-Pieces of thin rock
- 38-Large lake
- 39-Head covering (pl.)
- 40-Postscript (abbr.)
- 41-Part of verb "To be"

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

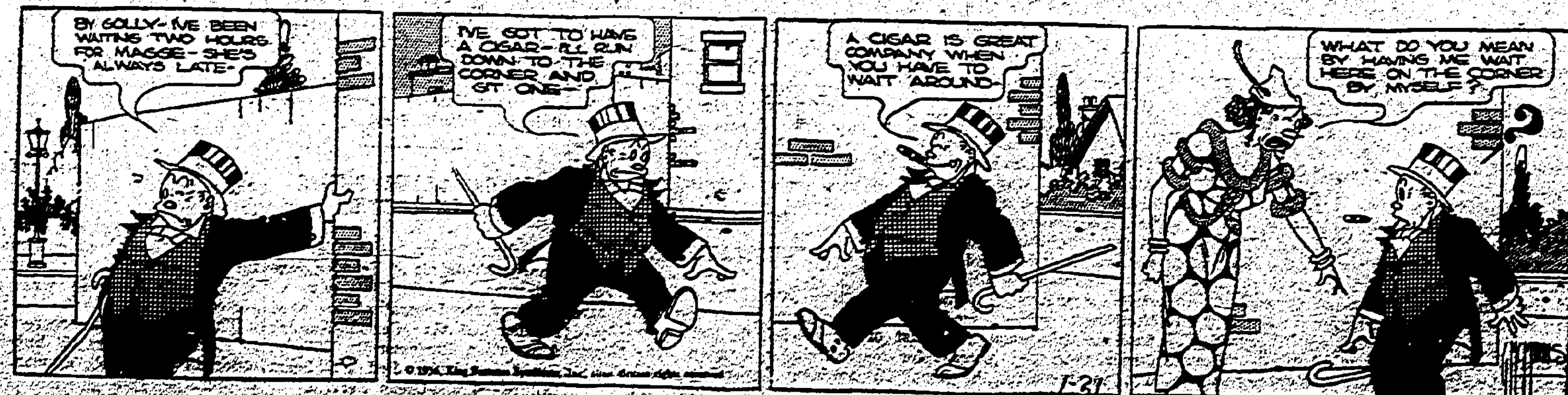
- 42-Mischievous child
- 43-Island in Switzerland
- 44-Fish eggs
- 50-A point of compass (abbr.)
- 51-Science
- 52-Rubbed out
- 53-Refrares from using

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Four
- 14-Native of Denmark
- 15-A capella
- 18-Slip
- 20-Near by
- 22-Intro
- 23-Cesses from labor
- 25-Blind
- 27-Digit
- 30-Withdraw from action
- 31-Conjunction
- 32-Tears
- 33-Examined
- 34-Divides with
- 35-Crippled
- 36-Close to
- 37-Perfumes
- 43-Morocco (abbr.)
- 44-A vegetable
- 45-Side (Lat)
- 47-Iron rod
- 48-Metric land measure

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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The interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for all claims, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, Telephone No. 21920.

No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

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The price of admission of the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate.

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Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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A. K. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE

MRS. MARGARET SANGER,
President of the Birth Control International Information Centres, is calling at Hong Kong on Thursday, February 20th, 1936.

The following arrangements have been made—

1. Informal Reception at the Hong Kong Hotel, first floor, at 4.30 p.m. to meet her. Guests wishing to have tea will please make their own arrangements with the Hong Kong Hotel.

2. Public Lecture by Mrs. Sanger at 5.30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

3. Dinner in her honour at 8.30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden (\$2.00 per head).

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The Reception Committee.

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ENTRIES WILL DEFINITELY CLOSE at the Hon. Secretary's Office, Stock Exchange Building, 100 House Street, at NOON on THURSDAY, the 27th February, 1936, but intending exhibitors are requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on TUESDAY, 10th March, 1936, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 24th February, to TUESDAY, 10th March, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
O. EAGER,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th February, 1936.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February, 1936, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1936.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1936, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 21st February, 1936, to THURSDAY, the 5th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th February, 1936.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the FORTY-EVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. and O. Building, on WEDNESDAY, 11th March, 1936, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 29th February to 11th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

And notice is hereby also given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place immediately after the termination of the above mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, namely—

(1) That it is desirable to capitalize the sum of \$1,500,000, being part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund, and accordingly that a bonus of \$1,500,000 be declared and that such bonus be applied on behalf of the persons who on the 29th day of February 1936 are the registered holders of the 450,000 issued shares of the Company in payment in full for 150,000 shares of the Company of \$10 each and that such 150,000 shares credited as fully paid be accordingly allotted to such persons respectively in the proportion of one of such shares for every three of the said 450,000 shares then held by such persons respectively and that such shares shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January 1936.

(2) That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall at such time as the Directors think fit be sold and the net proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to such fractions making up the share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th February, 1936.

Company Meetings

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

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Hong Kong, 19th February, 1936.

TWO BRITISH AIR ACCIDENTS

Statement In The Commons

MACHINE FORCED DOWN INTO SEA

London, To-day.

At question time in the House of Commons yesterday, the Under-Secretary for Air, Sir Philip Sassoon, gave particulars of the accidents which occurred early yesterday.

He said that the aircraft in one case was engaged in night operations and failed to return to its base; later a notification was received from Le Touquet that an Air Force machine and a crew of four had alighted on the sea off Le Havre, one member of the crew had been picked up, and the search was being continued.

Later a signal reported that the aircraft itself had been located 200 yards from the shore, but three members of the crew were still missing. A subsequent report said that all four of the crew had tried to swim ashore. No further information had been received.

In the other case an aircraft of No. 10 Squadron was flying at approximately one o'clock when it struck the side of a hill in Sussex resulting in the death of the three passengers. The pilot was slightly injured.

Sir Philip Sassoon expressed sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

OFFICIAL FRENCH HELP

Press messages from Le Havre indicate that the three passengers in the aircraft which was forced down and sank near Sainte Adresse must have been drowned by the weight of their clothes. A diver has been making an attempt to recover the bodies, but has not been successful, and it is feared that the rising tide has carried them out to sea. The French Minister of Marine, M. Pietri, has residered the naval authorities at Cherbourg to take charge of the salvage operations.—British Wireless.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

REVISION OF THE COVENANT

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS OUTLINED

London, To-day.

Replying to the debate raised in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Bessell on the constitution of the League of Nations, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lord Stanhope, said that for many reasons the British Government was not contemplating considering any steps for the revision of the League Covenant.

Any decision in such a matter should be unanimous among all the League's members.

Referring to the speech by Lord Lothian, who claimed that the Covenant would work very well if the nations made up their minds to apply its principles, and suggested that they were holding back from co-operation because they felt their economic security threatened, Lord Stanhope said that the Government were giving constant thought to questions such as economic nationalism and access to raw materials, but it was impossible to deal satisfactorily with these questions till the international situation improved.—British Wireless Service.

PEAK DISTRICT OF DERBYSHIRE

Rural Character To Be Preserved

London, To-day.

The preservation of the natural beauty of the famous Peak District in Derbyshire has been assured by a resolution of the Peak Joint Planning Committee, which has been approved by the Minister of Health. A planning scheme is to be prepared to cover 22,000 acres in the district, including Dove Dale and other places frequented by lovers of Derbyshire, which will safeguard the area from any new development involving unsuitable or unsightly buildings.—British Wireless Service.

BABY EATS STRYCHNINE TABLETS

Michael Sidney Bond, 1 year and 10 months, found a bottle of tablets which his father was taking as a tonic, and ate 20 of them. The child died in Bristol Royal Infirmary, and at the inquest it was stated that each tablet contained 1-60th of a grain of strychnine. The verdict was accidental death.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Birth Control

[To The Editor "China Mail"]

Sir,—“American” letter on the comparative morality of Catholic and other countries must have come as a surprise to many of your readers, since his statements are hardly in accordance with the experience of those who have resided for any considerable time in the Catholic countries of Europe. It would, doubtless, be interesting to have official figures, but then this would only lead to religious controversy, which is a subject now generally tabooed in newspaper correspondence—certainly in this Colony. Besides, as we saw from a letter in the papers, the Catholic Church is not alone in denouncing birth-control: Mrs. Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, with her wide experience among the poor, condemns it as a “foul and loathsome thing.” Let us, therefore, not be drawn on an anti-Papist hunt from the subject under discussion, viz. Mrs. Sanger and her mission to the people of the Far East. We are informed that she was “invited” to bring her message to China. It would be of interest to know who extended the invitation and on what authority.

One wonders whether she has also received an “invitation” to Japan, whose people realise so fully the supreme value of a virile and expanding population for the preservation of their country's independence, the building up of the nation's wealth and the accomplishment of their proud imperial purpose.

Just when France (possibly too late), Fascist Italy and Nazi Germany have banned this “foul and loathsome thing” from their nations' homes, and are even putting a premium on large families, the advocates of birth-control openly boast of their success in reducing the English birth-rate from 35 to 15 in 60 years! Perhaps when Britain, because of a declining birth-rate, has sunk to the level of a third class Power (what time the Aztec globe-trotter will be found squatting with his eazel on a broken arch of London Bridge) the effigy of some birth-control apostle of this century will fittingly have become the “Guy” of a dishevelled nation's children.

A. D. G.

BRIDGE NOTES

KIBITZER'S DELIGHT

By Ely Culbertson

Certain Bridge games are what might be called “Kibitzer's delights”—and I do not refer to games where the performances of the players are so bad they tickle the onlooker's sensibilities. Far from it.

The game to watch is the game involving four experts. Great players concentrate not so much on play, which, with the exception of the rare boners to which even they are prone, is somewhat automatic. They devote their major effort to problems of tactics, assuming generally that once the bidding is over and the opening lead is made, neither the defending side nor the declarer will receive many gifts. And it is from observing these tactical manoeuvres that the kibitzing connoisseur will derive his main delight.

There are times when the soundest bidding course is to retire temporarily from the bidding, determining later, after your opponents and partner have told their story whether or not to rejoin the festivities. It was at a week-end party of Bridge experts at Culbertson Farms that the following hand occurred and I enjoyed the display of tactical fireworks from a comfortable kibitzer's chair.

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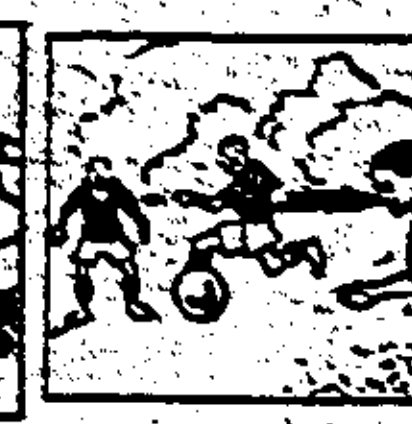
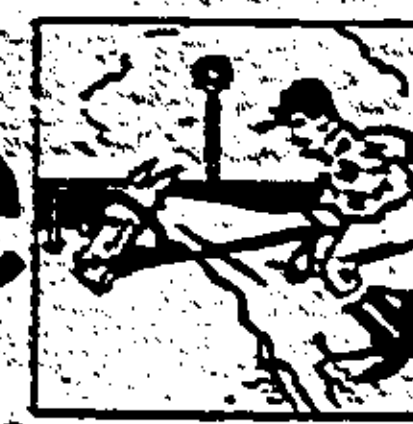
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Sporting Page



BEAR CLAW & ROSEMARY WILL EXTEND ROYAL SCOT IN DERBY

AMERICA'S CUP

ENDEAVOUR II TO BE READY BY MAY FOR TRIAL

T.O. M. Sopwith's New Challenger

TO BE LAST WORD IN ART AND SCIENCE

London, February 4. Good progress is being made with the building of Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith's new "J" class racing yacht Endeavour, likely to be challenger for the America's Cup in 1937. The 85-ton lead keel has been cast at Camper and Nicholson, Gosport, and work on the yacht will progress unceasingly, with overtime, to try and have her ready for launching and commissioning on the provisional date in the middle of May.

This means the yacht will have to be built in record time. Preparations, however, for the immediate construction of the yacht are now so well in hand that the builders hope to complete their task by the scheduled date.

The yacht is being built in the new building shed at Gosport, which is equipped with all the latest overhead cranes and tackles to facilitate speedy construction.

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3 FOR 3, THEN 100 FOR 4!

M.C.C. Stage Good Recovery

MATCH AT MATAMATA DRAWN

Matamata, To-day.

The two-day cricket match between the M.C.C. tourists and Pisko which started here on Tuesday ended yesterday in a draw, a feature of the game being the splendid recovery made by the M.C.C. who, after losing 3 wickets for as many runs, were 100 for 4 when stumps were drawn.

When play was resumed (there was no play after lunch on the first day on account of rain), Pisko took their total of 106 for 7 to 140, Sims taking 4 wickets for 33 runs.—Reuter.

SIRIUS WINS THE MIXED RACE

Yachting Results

Yesterday's sweepstake race for mixed classes, round Stonecutters Island (Port), a distance of 9 miles, was won by Sirius, (G 7), sailed by Mr. W. B. Cooper. Dorothea, (H9), sailed by Lieut. Col. H. D. Reid, was second.

The full results were:

Mixed Classes Started 8.55	Corrected Pos.
Yacht	16.36.23
Artemis	16.36.23
Le Linda	D.N.P.
Pat	16.40.28
(Capt. D. W. Perse)	
Painted Lady	16.42.20
(Lieut. Comdr. H. V. King R.N.)	
Dorothea	16.36.06
(Lieut. Col. S. D. Reid)	
Emmie	16.45.36
(Mr. F. Anthony)	
Sirius	16.36.03
(Mr. W. B. Cooper)	
Owl	16.48.40
(Lieut. G. Bruce, R.N.)	

CLUB HOCKEY DEFEAT

In a friendly hockey match on the Club ground yesterday the Club were beaten by the Royal Welch Fusiliers by the odd goal in three. The winners scored both their goals in the first half, whilst D. Carey scored for the Club after the interval.

EIGHT COLONY JOCKEYS TO WITHSTAND NORTHERN CHALLENGE



G. U. da ROSA



L. G. FROST



E. O. BUTLER



S. Y. LIANG



N. DEITZ



D. BLACK



B. A. PROULX

Eight of the Colony's leading jockeys who will attempt to withstand the Northern challenge at the Annual Race Meeting, which will open next Saturday. (Top) Mr. Gus da Rosa, Mr. Leo Frost, the local champion, Mr. E. O. Butler, Mr. S. Y. Liang. (Bottom) Mr. Norman Deitz, Mr. Gilbert Harriman, Mr. Donald Black and Mr. Benny Proulx.

HAS AUSTRALIA FOUND HER FAST BOWLER?

Hynes' Brilliant Performance: Takes Six For 25

London, February 12.

Unless it proves to be just a flash in the pan, Hynes' brilliant performance for New South Wales recently suggests that Australia may have found one of the fast, or fastish, bowlers that she has been looking for.

Playing against Victoria, he took 6 wickets for 25 runs. The report that he bowled "a good game" seems to indicate that he is fast-medium—say, about Ebeling's pace. Australia really needs an express. Wall was never exceptionally fast or exceptionally good—just a fine tricer with lots of endurance.

NEW CHAIRMAN FOR L.T.A.

Mr. A. D. Prebble Honoured

ALL-ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. A. D. Prebble has been selected chairman of the Council of the Lawn Tennis Association in succession to Mr. G. F. Goodman. For 21 years hon. secretary of the Kent L.T.A., he is now president of that body, and has been for some years a vice-president of the L.T.A.

Before the war Mr. Prebble represented England in international matches, and has won many tournaments. He was four times in the mixed doubles championship final at Wimbledon.

The chairman, hon. treasurer, and the following Council members will form the Committee of Management for the Davis Cup: Messrs. H. Roper Barrett, F. R. L. Crawford, G. F. Goodman, F. C. Lohden, R. J. McNair, P. H. Stevens, F. T. Stowe, and Sir Leonard Tyle.

All England Committee

Messrs. Roper Barrett, Goodman, J. R. Griffith, Lohden, Prebble, and Stevens are the L.T.A. representatives on the Committee of Management for the All-England Championships. The Association's annual general meeting will be held on Friday, December 11.

PETERSEN ADVISED TO GO TO AMERICA

MIGHT REASONABLY GET MATCH WITH JOE LOUIS!

London, February 2.

WHAT about our British heavy-weight boxing stock now? That fight Jack Petersen and I put up on Wednesday proved conclusively that our heavy-weights are not of the horizontal type, writes Len Harvey in the Sporting Life. Jack McAvoy has already killed our old inferiority complex in America. And of all people I ought to know that we now possess a heavy-weight title-holder who can take punishment and come back for more.

ARMY RUGBY WIN OVER CLUB

Scrappy "A" Fifteen Game At Valley

CLUB BACKS FAIL

A very scrappy Rugby match was witnessed on the Club ground yesterday when the Army "A" fifteen beat the Club second string by two goals, a try and a penalty goal (16 points) to a goal, a try and a penalty goal (11 points).

The Club backs wasted many an opportunity by faulty handling, while the forwards were ragged throughout and never heeled cleanly.

The Army backs were very good, Evans and Jones being their most dangerous three-quarters, while Preece, the Army back, displayed a safe pair of hands and kicked well.

Second Half Rally

Frost, Archer and McGilchrist shone in the second half when the latter two were seen in some dazzling runs together.

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H. K. BANK RUGBY TEAM TO MEET CLUB

The following team will represent the Hong Kong Bank in their annual Rugby match against the Hong Kong Football Club on the Club ground, Happy Valley, on Sunday next at 4.15 p.m.: L. G. Robertson, H. R. MacGill, H. T. Taylor, C. S. Dunkley and L. J. A. Fether, A. H. E. Butler, P. C. B. Black, G. R. Dunnett, G. S. Chambers, N. E. Clark, H. A. Craig, H. B. Browning, F. J. McGowan, W. T. Yarnall and B. D. Barlow.

RUGBY QUALIFICATION CLAUSE

Englishman Converted Into A Scotsman

London, February 12.

The International Rugby football selectors seem to be doing their level best to confuse everyone's minds over the qualification clause. The latest surprise—the choice of E. J. E. Whitworth to play for Scotland against Ireland—is a curious instance of the finery character of the international Rugby qualifications. One wonders how the Scottish selectors make him a Scotsman?

He was born in England and lives in the pretty country town of Pulborough in Sussex. He learned the game at a school in Dorset, and while playing in a public school, match, organised by Sussex County, he was "spotted" by Major R. V. Stanley as a likely England player.

LOCAL RUGBY CLASSIC FOR TO-MORROW

N.Z. And Colony Team Announced

VISITORS' PROGRAMME

The New Zealand Universities Rugby touring fifteen will play their return game against a much improved Colony fifteen to-morrow afternoon on the Club ground, commencing at 5 p.m.

The tourists are due to arrive in the morning and will then be taken round the island by members of the Hong Kong Football Club. A tiffin given by the Australian and New Zealand Association will follow, and later in the afternoon the tourists play their last match here.

While on their tour of the island, they will also visit the Peak residence of Mr. S. T. Williamson, Agent for the New Zealand Government in Hong Kong and South China.

Following the match, the visitors will be entertained at a "dog" dinner at Cafe Wiseman. (Continued on Page 5)

CIVIL SERVICE TENNIS

The Civil Service C.C. Tennis Tournament, which was postponed owing to rain last Sunday, is to be played on Sunday next at 2.30 p.m. on the Sooknupoo ground, weather permitting.

D.B.S. JUNIORS CRICKET WIN

Ellis Kadoorie School Lose By 18 Runs

In a friendly cricket match played on the I.R.C. ground at Sooknupoo yesterday the Diocesan Boys' School junior eleven beat the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School by 18 runs.

D.B.S.: 92 for 7 wickets (G. Kew 31 not out, P. Liang 27). Ellis Kadoorie S.S.: 75 (N. Singh 23, A. Lapeley 5 for 27, Y. T. Barnes 3 for 33, R. Lapeley 2 for 0).

FINAL CAER CLARK CUP GAME

The reply between the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Club and the "Y" Ladies for the Southern Cup for runners-up in the Caer Clark Cup hockey competition has been fixed for Saturday, February 23, at 3.15 p.m. The match will be held on Sunday next at 2.30 p.m. on the Sooknupoo ground, weather permitting.

DAWN STAR LIKELY OUTSIDER

THE GORILLA MAY BE THE BEST SUB.

IMPRESSIVE GALLOP BY STRATHROY

(From The Valley)

DIANA Bay is looking extremely fit, and her morning gallops certainly reveal that she is still capable of winning a race or two if the distance is not too long. Oak Bay, holder of the five furlongs record, is as fast as ever over this distance, and her forthcoming return contest against Soldier of Britain in the China Stakes will be keenly awaited. Pontiac Bay and Mistake Bay are also very fit.

Trentbridge has been given slow work for a long time, and if one is to judge by appearance she is her old self again; it is, however, difficult to say whether she has recovered her old racing form, as she has not been seen doing any serious training. King's Fancy does not seem to be looking too well, but King's Warden is undoubtedly in the pink of condition.

Soldier of Britain has done a few fast gallops with Mr. D. S. Li up, and I can see her winning races up to a mile. Soldier of China, who has changed ownership, is looking fit, and will be taken care of by Mr. T. L. Wong. Cossack's Beauty has not been looking too well.

King's Justice and King's Jubilee have been showing signs of improvement, and it is confidently expected that they will repay the Harbrad stable in their investment.

Rose Queen seems to like her morning gallops. She is certainly looking fit, and will probably provide Mr. Encarnacao with a win or two. As regards Herod, Macaroni and Gladiator, it is only necessary to say that they are in fine condition and, under the capable guidance of Mr. Needs, will be well worth following.

Old Subscription Griffs

Very little has been seen of the old subscription griffs in training. Bistre is just as fit as ever, and I feel confident that she will provide Mr. T. L. Wong with a win. I notice Mr. Needs is taking out Racing Boy quite often, which seems to indicate that he will ride him. He is certainly looking very fit.

Nothing need be said regarding Wadebridge except that he is in fine condition. Whilst it is difficult to predict which of these three ponies is the best, I rather fancy Wadebridge's chances against the other two, especially with Mr. Marshall up.

Cavalade is full of running, and so is Young Chip. Mr. D. S. Li seems to like Belmont Star, and over a short distance I think he will be hard to beat.

Old Australian Ponies

Mr. D. S. Li had a good gallop on Night Star the other morning, and she finished the last quarter in good time when well held. Vixen Tor will be ridden by Mr. Benny Proulx in the absence of Mr. Ralph, who has not yet recovered from his nasty spill at Kwant. This pony is very fast over the last quarter. Bag Tor, belonging to the same stable, is also looking very fit.

Sancy Face, the cause of quite a good deal of disappointment last season, is now well on the road to regaining her former racing ability. She may not win at the Annual Meeting, but keep her in mind later. Australian Boy is exceptionally fit, and Southern Cross is another one to watch, as she is moving very well at the moment. Derby Day has been doing some very fast gallops. (Continued on Page 10)

FREDIE MILLER WINS

Seattle, To-day.—Fredie Miller, the world's featherweight boxing champion, according to the National Boxing Association, outpointed Johnny Pans of San Francisco in a 12-round title bout. Reuter.

LA SALLE COLLEGE SPORTS

Good Programme For Saturday

W. GOTTSCHKE FAVOURED AS CHAMPION

An excellent track and field programme is promised the public at the fifth annual La Salle College sports meeting which takes place on Saturday, in which chief interest will be centred on the 400 Metres event, for which W. Gottsche, the holder, is favoured, although he will be fully extended by several newcomers to the cinder track.

J. M. Alves, who won the championship honours last year, has now left school and Gottsche will probably replace him as the new champion. (Continued on Page 20.)

GORDON LUM IN CANTON

WINS TWO TENNIS MATCHES

RAIN MARS PROGRAMME

Gordon Lum, W. C. Choy and Paul Kong made the trip to Canton over the week-end when they figured in exhibition tennis matches which, however, were marred by rain. Lum beat Kong in a singles match, 6-4, 6-1, and with Kong as his partner, beat W. C. Choy and Lai Kwong-tsun 6-1, 6-2.

Choy shared his singles with Lai Kwong-tsun, the Canton champion, losing the first set 6-0 and winning the second at 7-5.

C. K. Chan and Paul Kong played Lin and So To in a doubles, each couple winning a set. Chan and Kong secured the first at 6-3, and lost the second 8-6.

LEAGUE CRICKET

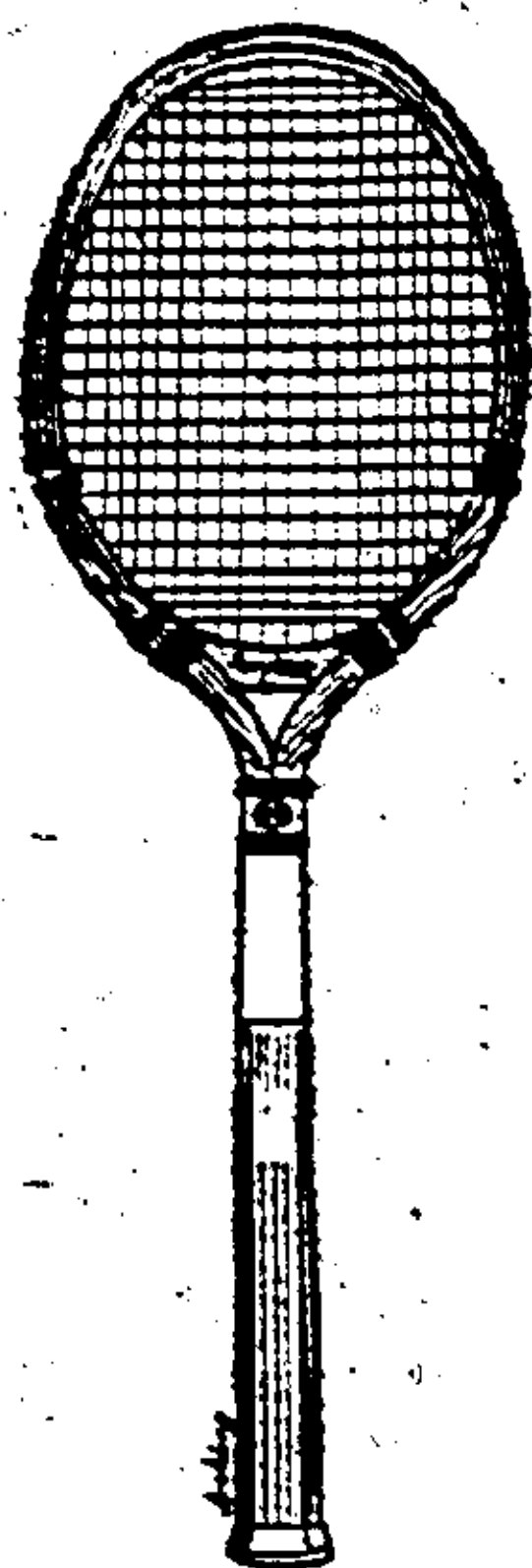
Police Team To Meet Indians

The Police Recreation Club eleven to meet the Indian Recreation Club in a Junior Division League cricket match on Saturday, at Sooknupoo will be as follows: C. F. Alexander, R. G. Baker, W. L. Clark, Oakley, D. Danowatzky, W. E. Meadows, C. Pope, J. E. Carey, G. Carruthers, T. R. Hunter and P. H. Longhills.

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I was as fit as I could possibly be in the circumstances, and although I wasn't at all satisfied with my form I think everyone will agree I fought Petersen to the closest decision he has ever earned. He caught me a terrific crack in that momentous first round which dropped me to my knees wondering what had happened, but I shook off the effects and was fighting back at him with everything I had got.

Only one of us could be the winner and it was my unlucky night.

Petersen Vs. McAvoy

Apart from myself, there is no one in the country who is quite in his class with the exception of the American visitors we have here, Tommy Loughran and Bob Olin.

Of course, there is Jack McAvoy. The Rochdale "thunderbolt" had a date in New York in April, but his match with John Henry Lewis for the light-heavy-weight title has now been postponed until May.

What a contest McAvoy and Petersen would put up! Here is an opportunity for an astute promoter to bring off the most outstanding "natural" fight of the moment, and I am not surprised that offers have already been made to McAvoy.

Petersen and McAvoy for the British heavy-weight title. It would be a clash between Jack's murderous punching and the Welshman's sharp-shooting deliveries.

What Jack's plans are I do not know, but within a short while we shall no doubt hear what he proposes to do.

Six Home Wins

Leicester West Bromwich
West Ham Torquay
Tranmere Coventry

Four Away Wins

Derby Crystal P.
Reading Chester

Three Draws

Blackpool Charlton
Bradford Tottenham
Cardiff Crewe

LOCAL RUGBY CLASSIC FOR
TO-MORROW

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The Colony side, who are reported to be very fit, were out practicing under their captain, Lt. Rice-Evans, on the Sookunpoo ground yesterday.

Dr. J. A. R. Selby, the Scottish International, will referee and the teams are:—

N. Z. Universities XV—W. Trickettbank (Wellington); J. M. Watt (Otago); J. D. Lewis (Auckland); H. R. C. Wild (Otago) and E. Grant (Auckland); C. C. Gillies (Otago) and G. A. Parsons (Canterbury); J. J. McAlister (Canterbury); W. E. Lacey (Otago); R. B. Burke (Canterbury); S. W. Summers (Otago); I. S. Drake (Auckland); S. G. Eade (Victoria); A. B. Chesterman (Wellington) and T. O. Stace (Canterbury).

Colony XV—Surp. Lieut. Benson (Navy); Fms. Floyd (Army), Lieut. Rice-Evans (Capt.) (Army), H. D. Bidwell (Club) and Lieut. St. Clair Ford (Navy); A. E. R. Butcher (Club) and Cpl. Preece, R.M. (Navy); Mne. Light (Navy); S. F. O. Richards (Navy), Lieut. Lincoln (Army); W. E. Peers (Club); A. P. Walkden (Club); L. Cpl. Harrison (Army); Fms. Morgan (Army) and A. B. Evans (Navy).

PENSIONERS
HELDArsenal Eliminate
NewcastleSIX PREMIER LEAGUE
ENCOUNTERS

London, To-day.
Chelsea and Fulham played to a goalless draw at Stamford Bridge yesterday in their F.A. Cup Fifth Round encounter that was postponed last Saturday owing to fog. The winners will be at home to Derby in the Sixth Round on February 29.

Arsenal fulfilled expectations when they beat Newcastle in their replay at Highbury. They will entertain Barnsley, who lost at home to Plymouth Albion yesterday, in the next round.

Yesterday's results, as cabled by Reuters, were as follows:

F.A. Cup (5th Round)

Chelsea 0 Fulham 0
F.A. Cup (5th Round) Replay

Arsenal 3 Newcastle 0

First Division

Derby 3 Wednesday 1

W. Bromwich 3 Leeds 2

Sunderland 3 Grimsby 1

Huddersfield 4 Middlesbrough 1

Manchester C. 2 Blackburn 0

Preston 1 Stoke 1

Second Division

Barnsley 1 Plymouth 2

ELIOT HALL "B"
BEATENKowloon Tong's
Plucky Display

BADMINTON LEAGUE

The Chinese Recreation Club proved too strong for Eliot Hall "B" last night in the Men's Badminton League and defeated them by 7 sets to 2 at Causeway Bay, while at the Central Police Station, the Kowloon Tong Club were only beaten by the odd set in nine by the Fire Brigade Recreation Club.

Detailed results of the games were as follows:

At the Central Police Station last night the Fire Brigade Recreation Club beat the Kowloon Tong Club by 5 sets to 4:—

E. L. H. Shute and E. Greenwood (Fire Brigade) beat P. C. Leung and J. M. Pong 21-17

lost to S. A. Gray and G. A. White 13-21

beat Peter Sin and B. K. Wong 21-5

A. L. Fisher and J. L. Anderson (Fire Brigade) beat Gray and White 21-11

beat Sin and Wong 21-4

beat Leung and Pong 21-2

W. Stoker and L. D. Skinner (Fire Brigade) lost to Leung and Pong 10-21

lost to Gray and White 13-21

lost to Sin and Wong 14-21

C.R.C. Triumph

At Causeway Bay last night, the Chinese Recreation Club beat the Eliot Hall "B" team by 7 sets to 2:—

Gordon Lam and S. W. Liang (C.R.C.) beat K. F. Wong and K. L. Yung 21-11

beat B. E. Tan and B. K. Ng 21-11

lost to C. H. Soon and S. C. Tye 11-21

W. C. Chey and H. W. Ho (C.R.C.) beat Wong and Yung 21-4

lost to Tan and Ng 15-21

beat Soon and Tye 21-15

S. P. Chan and H. T. Woo (C.R.C.) beat Wong and Yung 21-17

beat Tan and Ng 21-10

beat Soon and Tye 22-22

"A" Team's Clean Sweep

At St. Andrew's Hall last evening, St. Andrew's "A" beat St. Andrew's "B" by nine sets to nil.

A. E. P. Guest and F. A. Broadbridge ("A") beat L. E. Kirby and C. A. Angus 21-4

beat M. Well and A. S. Ellis 21-5

beat N. A. E. Mackay and F. A. Broadbridge 21-9

H. Kew and K. H. Wong ("A") beat Kirby and Angus 21-6

beat Well and Bliss 21-9

beat Mackay and Broadbridge 21-12

E. F. Fisher and F. V. Wong ("A") beat Kirby and Angus 21-15

beat Well and Bliss 21-15

beat Mackay and Broadbridge 21-7

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

Games	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
C. R. C.	12	12	2	0	22	22	24
Recreation "A"	9	9	0	0	11	18	18
St. Andrew's "A"	12	9	3	0	28	18	18
Eliot Hall "A"	8	8	0	0	9	16	16
Recreation "B"	10	3	2	5	23	15	15
Eliot Hall "B"	13	5	5	3	28	18	15
St. John's	15	8	7	0	26	16	16
Fire Brigade	15	6	7	2	28	12	12
V. R. C.	13	4	9	0	29	8	8
St. Andrew's "B"	12	2	10	0	20	4	4
Kowloon Tong	13	1	12	0	24	2	2
S. and S. Home	11	0	11	0	20	0	0

FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

Comprehensive Table Shows
Form At A Glance

A COMPREHENSIVE guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they have fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn, respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figure in brackets denotes the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division	HOME										AWAY										
	Goals										Goals Pts Pl.										
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts		P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts					
Sunderland (2)	w	W	W	d	d	23	14	12	1	1	20	20	25	14	7	4	3	28	20	17	42
Derby (6)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	10	1	4	41	13	24	13	3	6	4	9	15	10	34
Huddersfield (18)	w	W	W	d	d	28	13	8	1	4	20	8	20	15	6	7	2	22	31	14	34
Arsenal (1)	d	W	W	d	d	26	12	7	2	3	30	12	17	14	5	5	4	25	18	14	31
Fulham (19)	d	W	W	d	d	28	14	8	2	4	28	17	20	14	2	6	5	13	21	11	31
Sheff. Wed. (14)	w	W	W	d	d	28	14	9	2	3	27	15	21	14	2	6	3	16	22	7	28
Sheff. U. (10)	w	W	W	d	d	28	13	8	4	3	23	16	18	15	3	8	4	13	22	10	28
Bolton (7)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	8	4	3	23	16	18	14	2	7	5	18	15	9	28
Chelsea (12)	w	W	W	d	d	27	13	6	3	4	21	16	14	14	7	3	16	28	11	27	
Grimsby (5)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	9	5	4	23	16	18	14	2	7	3	16	28	11	27
W. B. (3)	w	W	W	d	d	28	14	8	2	5	32	22	20	14	2	9	1	9	35	7	27
M. B. (20)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	9	5	4	23	16	18	14	2	7	3	16	28	11	27
Liverpool (7)	d	W	W	d	d	28	15	9	5	4	23	16	18	14	2	7	3	16	28	11	27
W. B. (9)	w	W	W	d	d	28	14	10	3	1	43	15	21	13	2	10	1	22	36	6	28
Wolves (17)	w	W	W	d	d	28	13	9	2	2	40	18	20	15	2	11	2	12	37	6	28
Leeds (18)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	7	4	4	21	20	18	11	3	4	4	12	15	10	25
Manchester C. (4)	w	W	W	d	d	27	13	7	4	4	25	10	16	14	4	9	1	19	31	9	25
Brentford (5)	w	W	W	d	d	27	13	6	4	4	38	19	15	14	3	7	4	22	23	10	25
Everton (8)	w	W	W	d	d	27	15	7	3	5	37	26	19	14	1	9	4	18	42	6	25
Preston (11)	w	W	W	d	d	27	14	9	3	2	26	14	20	13	1	10	2	21	25	4	24
A. Villa (13)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	4	7	4	31	36	12	15	4	9	2	25	43	10	22
Blackburn (15)	w	W	W	d	d	28	15	8	4	3	24	17	19	13	1	11	1	16	51	8	22

Second Division	HOME										AWAY										
	Goals										Goals Pts										
	P	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts						
Sheff U. (11)	d	w	w	w	w	30	15	12	1	2	39	19	26	15	5	7	3	24	27	13	39
*Clifton (-) WWDWI	28	16	10	1	5	32	18	25	13	5	4	3	18	23	12	38					
W. Ham (3) WWDww	28	15	10	1	4	32	14	24	14	5	7	2	23	33	12	36					
Tham (-) wWDWI	28	16	10	2	4	45	23	24	13	5	7	1	19	21	11	35					
Meter U. (-) WWDWI	28	15	11	2	3	37	12	24	14	4	7	3	18	23	12	38					
W. B. (-) WWDWI	27	14	10	1	3	37	12	23	13	4	8	1	18	21	9	32					
Blackpool (5) WWDWI	27	14	9	3	3	37	15	20	13	3	7	3	18	27	9	30					
*Dexter (-) LLWLI	28	15	9	3	3	39	15	21	14	4	9	1	17	20	9	30					
N'castle (5) WDDDI	28	15	8	2	5	43	23	21	13	4	9	0	21	33	8	29					
Bury (10) WTWLW	28	14	7	3	4	26	18	18	14	3	6	5	19	26	11	29					
Plymouth (8) WLDLL	27	13	9	3	1	26	13	19	14	2	7	5	15	24	9	28					
Notts F. (9) LLLWL	28	14	8	2	4	45	12	22	14	3	10	1	15	13	5	27					
Stamton (19) LLWLW	31	15	7	5	3	39	17	17	16	2	8	6	10	25	10	27					
Fulham (7) WDDWW	27	14	7	2	5	32	18	19	14	2	6	6	13	22	10	26					
Swansea (17) WDWLL	28	15	7	6	2	22	21	16	14	4	3	7	23	24	9	25					
Barnsley (16) WLLWW	28	11	6	3	2	28	20	14	17	3	9	5	21	37	11	25					
Burnley (13) WWDLL	27	13	8	3	2	27	6	18	14	1	8	5	10	27	7	25					
Norwich (14) LLLWL	28	13	7	5	1	24	15	15	15	3	9	3	17	39	9	24					
B'ford C. (20) IWWLW	27	12	5	2	5	15	13	15	15	2	10	3	13	32	9	24					
*Brad'f (15) IWLLI	24	12	7	2	3	33	23	17	12	0	9	3	7	34	3	20					
Port Vale (13) LLLWW	28	14	7	4	3	34	20	17	15	1	12	2	19	54	4	21					
Hull (13) LLLWL	27	12	4	7	1	20	17	9	15	1	10	4	12	41	6	15					
Third Division (South)	HOME										AWAY										

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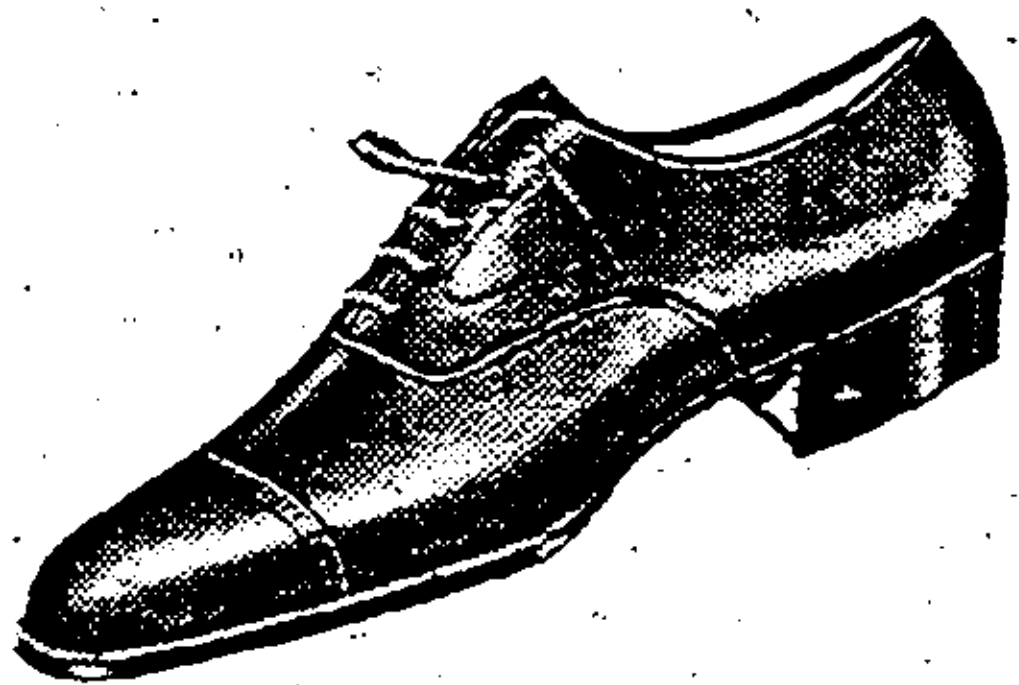


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Defence Problems

Undoubtedly one of the most influential men in Parliament, outside the Government or Opposition leaders, is Sir Austen Chamberlain, whose speeches carry greater weight than those of perhaps any other member of the House at the present time. Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George can always be relied upon to provide the fireworks of debate; but Sir Austen Chamberlain is more and more being looked upon by that large but usually inarticulate body of solid critics who have no particular axe to grind as their unofficial spokesman. He is the acknowledged leader of an "Independent" faction of the House which does not go under that name "independent" in the most useful sense of that word: conforming to the broad points of Conservative policy, but reserving its right to criticism and judgment at the right time. Over and over again recently Sir Austen has voiced, with all the authority that his years of office give him, the essentially sane point of view of the thinking man in the country. Party shibboleths, insofar as they are shibboleths, mean nothing to him; nor do slogans, catchwords and the other paraphernalia of party politics. He is concerned only with what he conceives to be the duty of the country and the House; and if there were such a thing as a Centre Party in British politics he would undoubtedly be the leader of it.

When, in the recent debate on the defence forces, Sir Austen pronounced a number of weighty criticisms of the defence policy of the Government, he had more than only his individual opinion behind him. He was expressing what a number of public people, responsible pressmen and leaders of politics were thinking. It is not difficult to gauge the temper of the people of England at this time, especially on the matter of the defence forces. Speaking generally there is evident a quite overwhelming desire for peace—not in the nebulous, vague, idealistic sense that pacifism and Socialism would foster, but a peace built up on the new conception of organised security against aggression. It is being recognised, in fact, that human relationships are still ever so far away from that millennium when all men and nations shall be actuated, not by materialism and greed, but by altruism and brother-love. That recognition may be disillusioned, but it is honest. It attempts to face facts as they are, not as they ought to be in a perfectly organised society. And some of those facts thrust themselves upon the consciousness of all men at this time. Leaving any question of moral obliquity completely out of the question, nobody but Mussolini and his deluded people really believe that there is anything noble or inspiring about his East African venture. Fifty-two nations have condemned it at Geneva; and in addition countless millions of the people of the earth have condemned it in no less patent fashion. It is, in fact, a tale to point a moral: the moral that outlaws of the conventions exist now no less than they have done since mankind started. There is therefore still need for that type of armed peace, if we may be allowed the phrase, which will be prepared to restrain aggression by something more than platitudinal words and

EXPLANATION OF
TO-DAY'S
CARTOONThe Bamboo Pipe
Organ

WHAT is reputed to be the only bamboo pipe organ in the world is in the little church of Las Pinas, Rizal Province, Philippines, where I made my sketch of it a few years ago. It is recorded that Father Diego Cera, a member of the Augustinian Recoletos Friars, began construction of the organ in 1818, and the tedious task required four years to complete. The 950 bamboos of which the organ is composed were covered for six months with sand from the beach to preserve them from attacks of bamboo bugs. Since that time the organ has been badly damaged a number of times. From 1888 to 1917 it was never played, but it is now in perfect working order.

GLAD TO BE BACK
AGAINMr. Gordon Mackie
In Colony

BUT ONLY FOR SHORT STAY

Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, who left the Colony on retirement last year, has returned to Hong Kong again, this time for a short holiday. He arrived on the s.s. Corta yesterday and when interviewed on board the liner by the *China Mail* said that he had had a very pleasant trip and was glad to be back in Hong Kong once again.

When asked what industrial conditions in Britain were like, Mr. Mackie said that there had been a definite improvement and that trade, on the whole, was brighter than a year ago.

Mr. Gordon Mackie was, at the time he left the Colony on retirement, chairman of the Stewards of the Jockey Club so that his many racing friends will be glad to have the opportunity of meeting him again at the Annual Race Meeting which opens next Saturday.

Three cases of diphtheria and one of scarlet fever were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended yesterday.

empty phrases. Collective security, therefore, must be based not on weakness but on strength.

In any calculation of the part Britain must be prepared to play in that collective security, the whole question of her state of armaments is of first-rate importance. Many people have witnessed with something approaching dismay her ever-rising load of commitments in the armed field: the multiplicity of pacts, treaties and agreements which call upon Britain, in certain events, to implement her word with her strong right arm. They have seen essential services whittled to little more than the very barest necessity; they have witnessed the ideal of progressive disarmament practised by one nation in the face of the ever-rising menace of increased armaments elsewhere throughout the world. They have seen, in short, practice subordinated to an idealised theory.

The *Times* made a good point in its report of the debate when it said that what the people of England objected to was not so much the expenditure of money on armaments as a wastage of the funds appropriated for that purpose. Only the wilful blindness will fail to admit that it is the duty of the nation to provide adequate defence not only for its own peoples but for all those committed to its charge. But it is also obvious that the expenditure which secures that defence must be exploited to its best purpose. The co-ordination of the defence forces is a comparatively minor matter; what really concerns everybody is that the defence provided will be the best that the money can secure. How far the Government White Paper will cover this point remains to be seen. But it is something that the point has been recognised at all, and in this respect Sir Austen Chamberlain surely spoke for the general mass of the nation.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

PARSON-PAINTERS

An amusing experiment was made at the recent exhibition of the Society of Parson-Painters. This was a ballot on the three best and the three worst exhibits.

The first three paintings—which received an equal number of votes—were by Dr. Foxley Norris, the Dean of Westminster, Canon Robertson of Winchester, and the Rev. E. Maples Earle.

The Curator of the Bournemouth Art Gallery, where the exhibition was held, acted as returning officer. After taking the vote he passed some constructive criticisms upon the paintings.

It is said that some rebels did not agree with his remark about the Dean's "Early Morning on the Downs." This was, that in return for his services as Honorary Chaplain to the Royal Academy Dr. Foxley Norris "profited well from his study of professional technique."

The names are not divulged of those who showed the three worst paintings. One of them was by the hon. secretary of the society, whose paintings may be definitely amateurish, but who is a musician of professional attainments.

Your Daily Smile!

Campaign Note

"What is the difference between a statesman and a politician, dad?"

"A statesman, Willie, usually wants to do something for his country, and a politician wants to do his country for something."

Determined when little Doris declared that she would rather have half a jam tart than two thirds of it.

"How often have I tried to tell you," said the exasperated teacher, "that two thirds of anything is more than half." Now you all know," she went on, "that Doris prefers a small portion of tart to a large piece. Funny child, isn't she?"

"Please, miss," said Doris, in a small, clear, piping voice, "I don't like tart."

Fair To The Umpire

It was one of the early matches of the season, on a ground on which the grass was, if anything, a little too plentiful. The diminutive, but self-important, referee had been giving little satisfaction.

A number of somewhat inexplicable decisions had been endured patiently, when, finally, a voice inquired in very penetrating accents: "Why don't they cut the grass so that the referee can see the game?"

FREE STATE SENATE
ABOLISHEDCONSIDERABLE GROUND
FOR MISGIVINGDIRE POSSIBILITIES OF SINGLE
CHAMBER LEGISLATION

(By Hugh A. Law)

IN these days, when events of vast consequence tread ever more swiftly on one another's heels we are all apt to overlook any which are not manifestly fraught with immediate peril to ourselves or are otherwise remote from our daily interests.

Therefore it is not at all surprising that the now imminent disappearance of the second Chamber in the Irish Free State should have evoked hardly a ripple of concern on the English side of St. George's Channel.

Yet the coming of single-chamber government in a country whose laws and constitution are in the main modelled upon those of England should not be allowed to pass without notice.

The sequence of events can be summarised very briefly. In March, 1934, a series of disagreements between the two Houses of the Irish Legislature culminated in the Senate's rejection of a bill aimed against the Blue Shirt organisation.

Its Fate Sealed

Thereupon Mr. De Valera's Government retaliated by pushing through the Dail a bill abolishing the Senate itself.

This bill was in turn rejected by that body and little more was heard of the matter until, just before Christmas, the 18 months' delay permitted by the Constitution having meanwhile elapsed, the bill was again passed by the Dail.

The choice for the Senate was to decide whether it would assent to its own extinction or have the measure passed over its head by Dail and Governor-General alone.

Either way, unless a last minute compromise were reached, its fate was sealed.

Already the Oath of Allegiance and the right of petitioning the King in Council have gone. Now, with the passing of the Senate, shortly to be followed by the abolition of University representation in the Dail,

there goes the last and most effective of the "guarantees" hitherto enjoyed by the ex-Unionist and Constitutional Nationalist minority.

Subject's Liberty

It is true that Proportional Representation remains; but, whatever the other merits of that system, it is of little practical value so far as this minority is concerned, having regard to the overwhelming strength of the two larger parties.

Nor from the wider standpoint of the liberty of the subject is the prospect less alarming. Hitherto in framing their measures Ministers have had to take account of a Chamber where independent judgment is less easily dragged than in the Dail, and may sometimes, one suspects, have been secretly thankful on occasion for the check so placed upon their own intransigent followers.

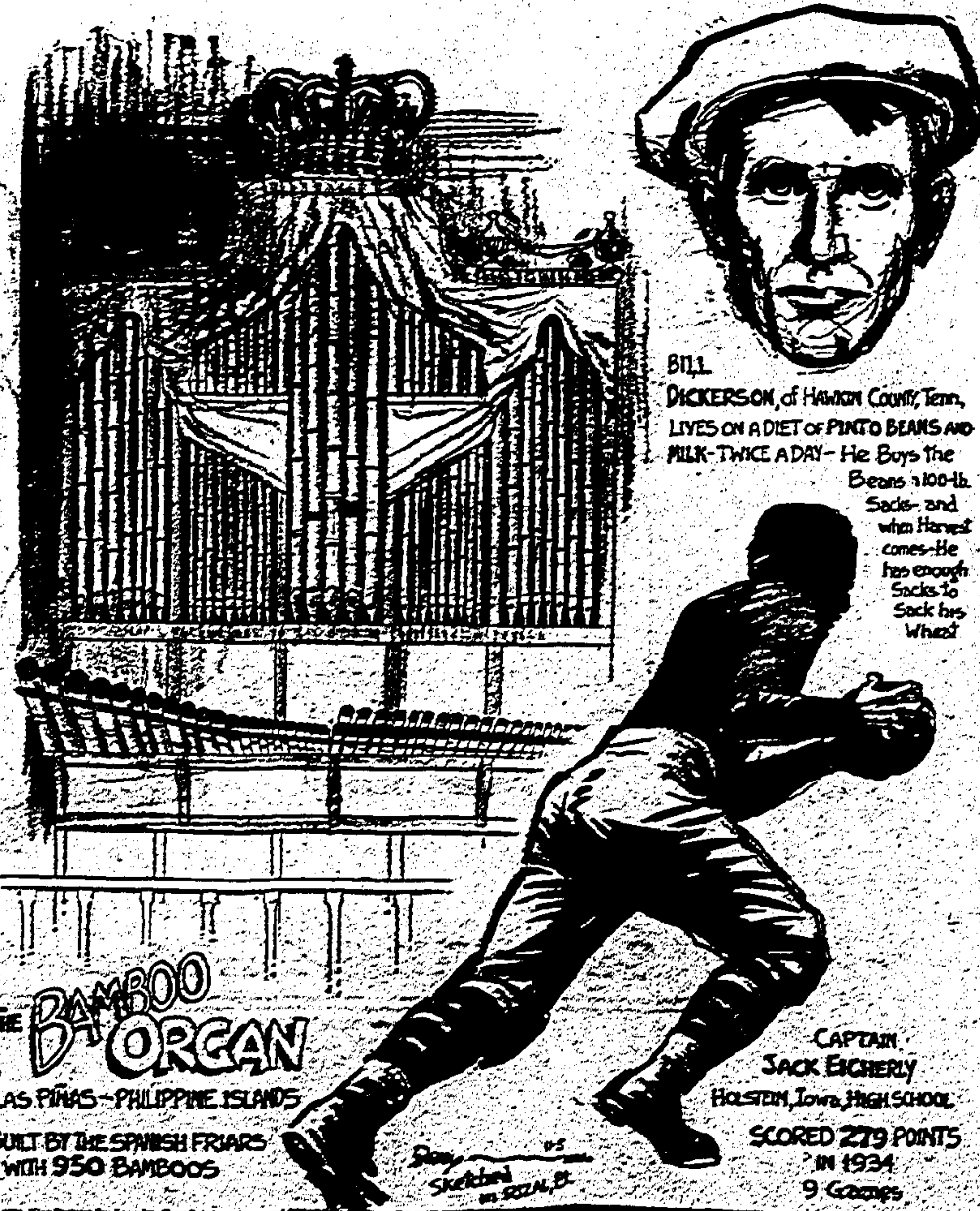
Henceforth a majority of one in the remaining Chamber may make what laws it pleases, the Governor-General being constitutionally bound to accept the advice of the Ministry. It will be quite possible, on the plea of emergency—a plea already often abused—to carry all stages of a bill in the course of a single sitting of the Dail, and to present an astonished country next morning with a statute having already the force of law before anyone outside an inner circle in Dublin has received any hint whatever of what is proposed.

Since The Statute

Since the enactment of the Statute of Westminster Constitutional lawyers appear to hold that the Irish Parliament (henceforth synonymous with the Dail) can repeal any portion of the Constitution, even though an essential part of the Anglo-Irish Treaty. From this it follows that the existing right of

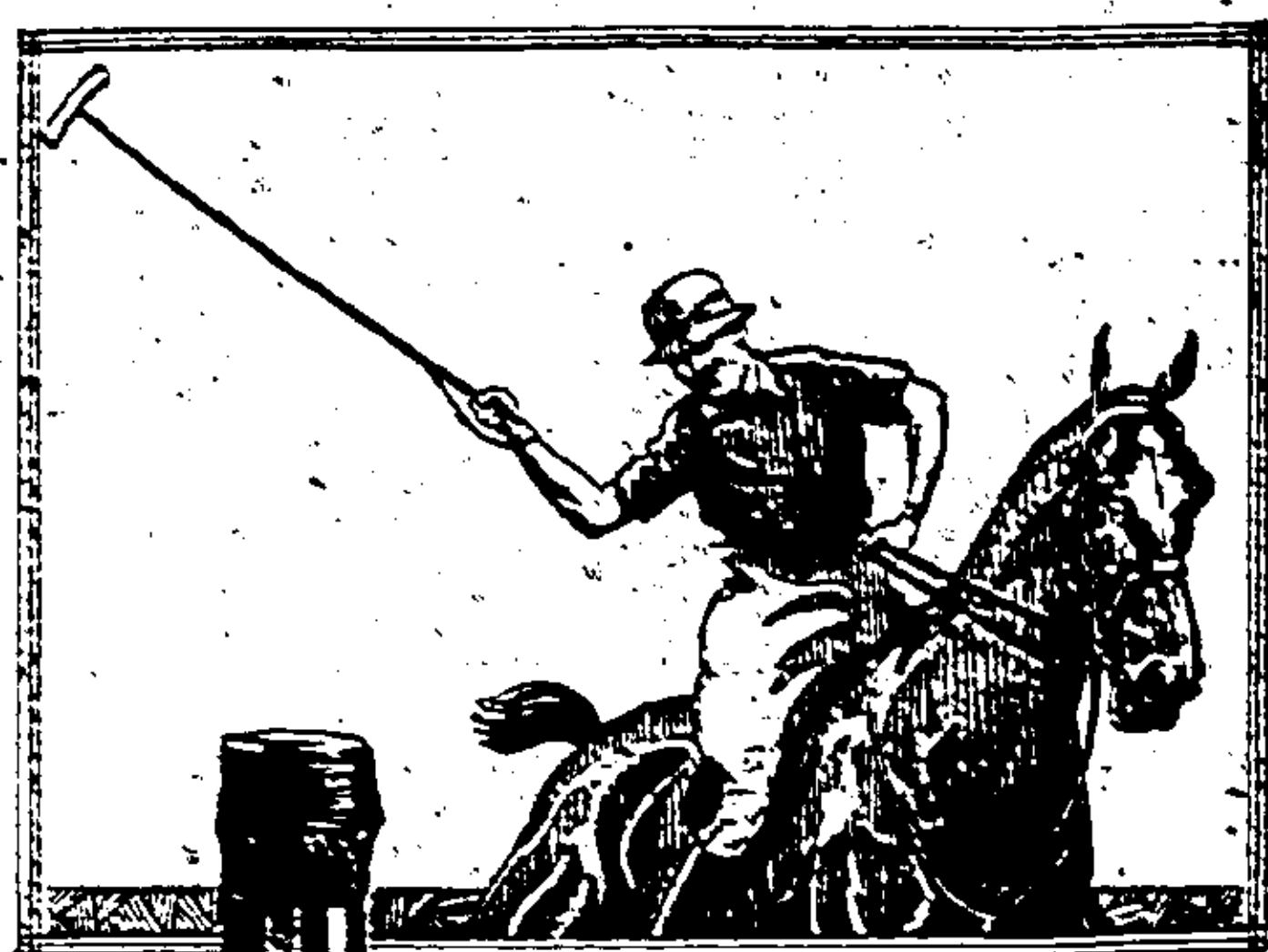
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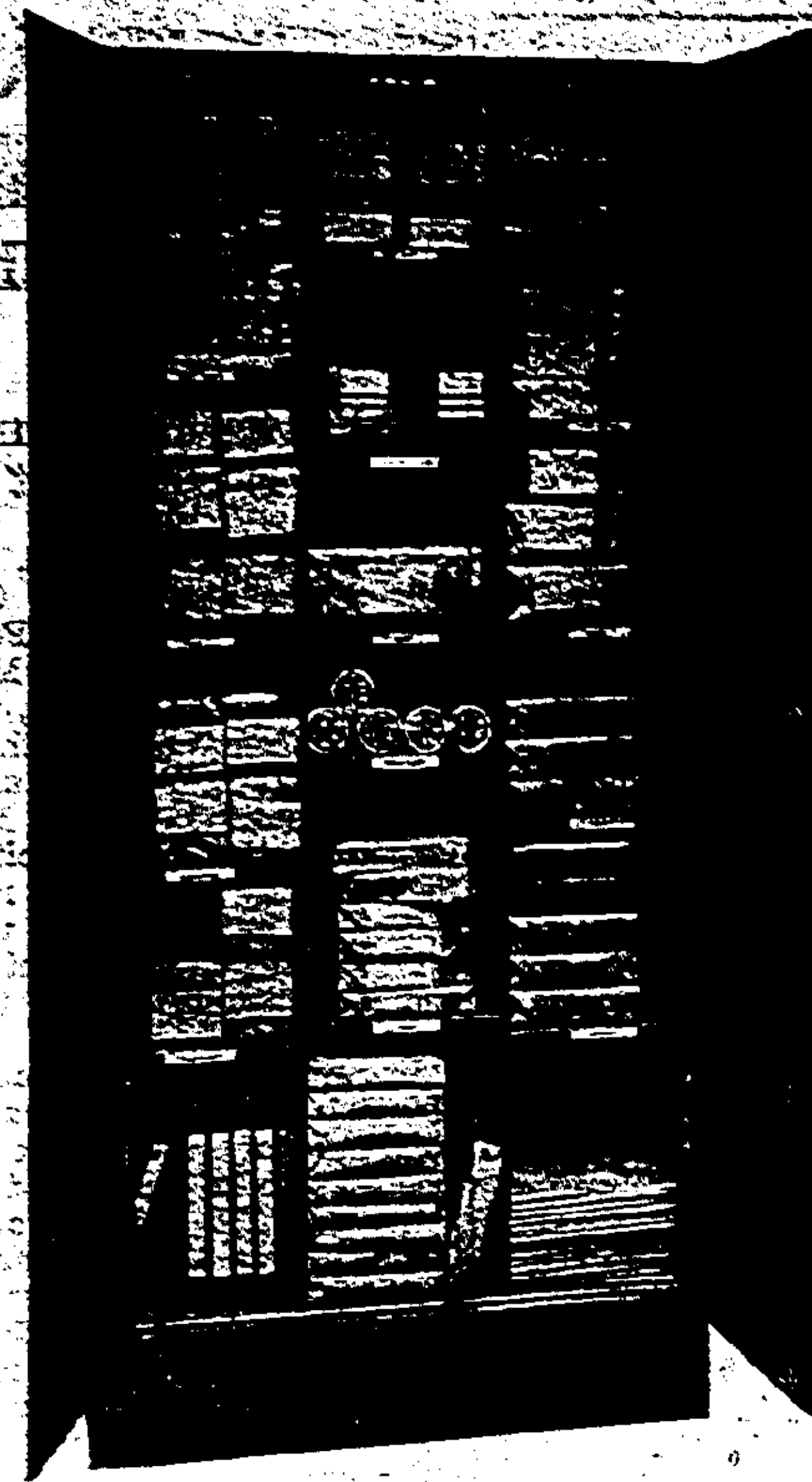
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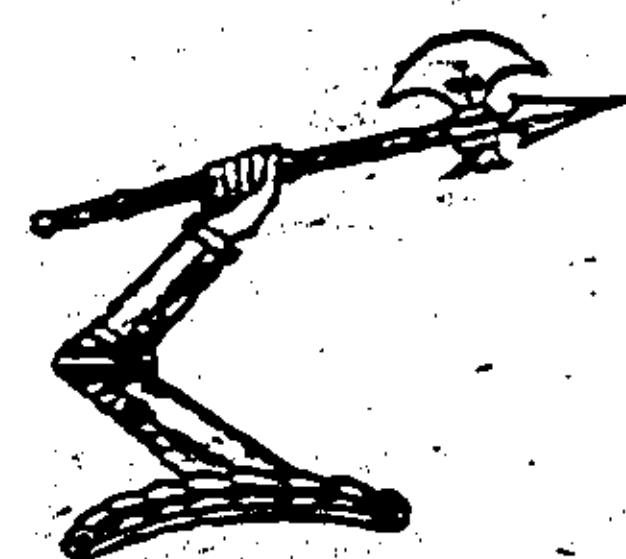
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Before Mr. Justice R. E. Lind-sell, at the Bankruptcy Court this morning, Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. M. W. Lo of Messrs. Lo and Lo, made a petition on behalf of the Ka Wa Savings Bank, Ltd., asking for the sanction of the Court for a reduction of the capital of the company by way of reconstruction, and that the voluntary winding-up be discontinued and the Bank be allowed to resume business.

In submitting his petition, Mr. Eldon Potter said that the creditors of the Bank had wholeheartedly supported the petition. The capital of the Company was \$1,000,000 and by a scheme of arrangement it had been reduced to \$250,000, but it would be increased to \$2,000,000 by the issue of 175,000 Preference shares of \$10 each.

His Lordship granted the petition.

LOCAL DOLLAR
STEADY

Silver Prices Rise

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/3 1/4.

"Spot" silver advanced 1/4 to 20-1/16 while "forward" rose 1/16 to 19 1/2.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.4-99 1/2, as compared with \$-U.S.4-98 1/2, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.4-99 1/2, as compared with \$-U.S.4-98 1/2.

BERLIN SHARE MARKET

Berlin, To-day.—The sharemarket remained listless yesterday. Call Money stood at 2 per cent. Trans-Ocean Service.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, To-day.—The Reichsmark was quoted yesterday without guarantee at:—New York, 40-61; Paris, 609.25; Amsterdam, 59.175; and London, 12.285.

Paris quoted the pound sterling at 74.75 to 74.78 and the U.S. Dollar at 14.885 to 14.99.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DEVELOPMENT OF MIDDLESEX

London, To-day.—The Middlesex County Council is issuing at par \$2,500,000 of 3 per cent. redeemable stock, to be applied for the refunding of \$1,100,000 of 3 1/2 per cent. stock and for new capital development sanctioned by the Ministry of Health.—British Wireless Service.

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Messrs. White, Weld and Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, report:—

Stocks: We do not consider today's irregularity at all disturbing, but we reiterate the need for confining purchases to special situations on weak spots. We think that good utility issues are cheap at present for a long pull. Business done—4,580,000 shares.

Wheat: There was very little trading to-day and prices on the whole remained steady. Weather conditions are at present stable, but any unfavorable change should cause an advance. Total sales—8,854,000 bushels.

Cotton: The market continued quiet with no important trading in evidence. Operators are still inclined to hold off and await developments in connection with sales by the Producers' Pool and other outstanding matters.

Rubber: The strike in the Good Year Tire Factory at Akron, Ohio, is still influencing buyers. We feel that the present decline offers a favourable opportunity to restate long positions.

Total sales—432 lots.
Flashes: The International Cement Company has declared a dividend of 3 1/2 cents per share.

Average daily petroleum production during the past week is estimated at 2,774,000 barrels, as against 2,746,000 barrels the previous week.

The Edison Electric Institute estimates electricity production for the past week at 1,950,000,000 k.w.h., an increase of 10.8 per cent from the corresponding period of last year.

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Providents (new) 50 cts. n.
Hong Kew Sh. \$190 n.
New Engineering Sh. \$4 n.
Shanghai Docks \$79 n.

Cotton Mills
Ewo Cottons Sh. \$8 n.
Shanghai Cottons (old) Sh. \$70 n.
Shanghai Cottons (new) Sh. \$41 n.

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Shanghai Lands Sh. \$18 n.
Metropolitan Lands Sh. \$10 n.
Humphreys \$9.70 n. ex div.
H.K. Realities \$58 s.
Chinese Estates \$34 n.
China Realities \$4 n.
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways \$13 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$3 b.
Star Ferries \$87 n.
Yamato Ferries \$19 1/2 n.
C. Lights (old) \$11.30 b.
C. Lights (new) \$8 b. \$3 sa.
H.K. Electric \$74 1/2 b. \$74 1/2 s.

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Sandakan Lights \$4 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$26 1/2 n.
Telephones (new) \$10.20 n.
China Buses Sh. \$11 1/2 n.
Singapore Tractions 17/- n.
Singapore Tractions Pref. 26/- n.

Industrials
Malabon Sugars \$3.40 n.
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$19 1/2 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ices \$1 1/2 n.
Cements \$8.80 b. \$8.85 sa.
H.K. Ropes \$5.55 n.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms \$22 sa.
Watsons \$4.85 n.

Lane, Crawford \$5 1/2 n.
Mackintoshes \$5 n.
Sinceres \$2.40 s.
Wm. Powells 70 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$55 n.

Miscellaneous
Entertainments \$4.70 n.
S. C. Enterprises \$1.35 n.
Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n.
Constructions (old) \$1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) 50 cts. n.
Vibro Piling \$4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBs—94% n.
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H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par. n.
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

TIN PRODUCTION
QUOTAHardening In London
Prices

"TOKEN CUT" BY TRADERS

London, To-day.
The International Tin Committee's reduction in the quota hardened prices in the afternoon session of the London Metal Market yesterday by \$1.

Traders point out that this "token cut" does not materially affect London's stock position, which even during the period of 90 per cent production is persistently tight. On the contrary the Committee's difficulty of adjusting the admittedly undesirable narrowness of the London supplies is real, as increased production only results in an incommensurately small portion reaching the market.

Moreover the present rate of production is considerably out-running the estimated consumption, and in the event of stocks piling up the Committee may decide on a further cut in the course of the coming quarter.—Reuter.

NEW
ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. ALEXIS ALEXIS TRAMSEZKY of "Albert Villa", Kowloon City is applying to the Governor for naturalization, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalization should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From
Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have yesterday received the following quotations in Straits Currency from Singapore for Raw Rubber.
Spot 25 1/4 Up 1/8 b. 25 1/2 s.
April/June 26 b. Unchanged 26 1/2 s.
July/September 26 1/4 b. Unchanged 26 1/2 s.
October/December 26 1/2 b. Unchanged 26 1/2 s.
Market:—Quiet.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The s.s. Cathay is due here from Shanghai at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

Mr. L. H. Gourley, of the United States consulate, left Hong Kong for the South by the s.s. Tjibadak, of the Java-China-Japan Line, yesterday.

The s.s. Somali is due here from Singapore at about 6 p.m. on Saturday next.

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Dr. W. B. A. Moore, O.B.E., and Mrs. Moore, will leave Statue Pier at 10.30 a.m. next Saturday to embark on the P. and O. liner Cathay, which is sailing at noon for Home.

The Rev. Mackenzie Dow will be the speaker at the weekly Christian Fellowship Meeting to be held at 10.30 a.m. to-morrow morning at the Helena May Institute.

Instead of the advertised lecture by Mrs. O. M. Parkinson, the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society announces a special lecture to be given this evening by Mr. A. F. Knudsen, International Lecturer for the Society, and newly appointed Presidential Agent for the Far East. Mr. Knudsen's subject will be "God and the Spirit in Man."

Dr. A. C. Melbourne, of the University of Queensland, Australia, arrived in the Corfu yesterday from Singapore. Dr. Melbourne is on a mission to the East to make known the advantages offered by Queensland's schools and to invite students from the Far East to go to Queensland for education. He visited Hong Kong some five years ago on an economic mission and made an interesting report, which aroused some controversy, especially on the question of banking facilities for trade.

Two summonses against Kwong Sau-chun, editor of the Nam Wah Yat Po, and Lam Yick-yuen, printer, for having caused to be published in the paper on January 29 the contents of a telegraphic message without the consent of Reuters, Ltd., were withdrawn before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, the paper having agreed to become a subscriber to Reuters's service.

The trial of Lam Wah, Tse Kee and Wong Chuen on charges of possession of counterfeit apparatus and 14 counterfeit ten-cent pieces of the 1935 issue was concluded before Mr. Justice Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, the first and third accused being found guilty and sentenced to three and five years' hard labour respectively while the second accused was discharged.

HIS MAJESTY'S CORONATION
London, To-day.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon the Prime Minister, answering a question, said he could not as yet state when an announcement would be possible with regard to the arrangements for the coronation of His Majesty King Edward.—British Wireless Service.

Five Aberdeen Angus bulls have been acquired from the herd of the late Mr. Wheeler Calton, of Claverdon Leys, Warwickshire, for export to Kenya Colony.

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BIRTH-CONTROL IN CHINA

Mr. Ho Kom-tong On Crying Need

LUNCH TO MRS. SANGER AND MRS. HOW-MARTYN

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong were the host and hostess today at a luncheon party given at their private residence to Mrs. Margaret Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn, representative workers in the movement for birth-control, who are now visiting the Colony in the course of a tour through the Middle and Far East.

Including the host and hostess and their guests of honour, 22 sat down to table, others present being Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. M. K. and Mrs. Lo, Professor and Mrs. W. C. W. Nixon, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. D. Forrest, Mrs. D. M. Biggar, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. W. A. Zimmer, Dr. F. I. Tsung, Dr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Woo, Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. How-Martyn and Mrs. C. Gee.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong's Speech

Mr. Ho Kom-tong, addressing his guests, said:—

"Ladies and gentlemen: I cannot allow the occasion of the memorable visit of social pioneers of the reputation of Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn to pass without a few words of welcome and appreciation. Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn come for the first time to Hong Kong, to show us how greater happiness for the home can be attained by means of scientific limitation of the size of the family.

"Being a medical man myself, and living in the midst of one of the most populous areas in the world, I cannot help feeling that poverty and over-population are intimately inter-connected. It is a fact that an immense number of the married couples in China have not the means to maintain a family of six or seven children, which is so typical of Chinese life.

"We in Hong Kong spend through the Society for the Protection of Children some \$300,000 a year in relief of needy children, but even that amount only touches the fringe of the work. The mothers themselves are not necessarily anxious to have six or seven children tied to their apron-strings. Some of them soon have to part with the superfluous children which they cannot afford to feed, while others, dreading the burden of such children, are driven to use harmful means to prevent their birth.

"Further, the rate of maternal mortality is so great that women-folk in China generally will only be so glad to welcome a simple, harmless and inexpensive method whereby the birth-rate can be regulated and lowered. I am assured that Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn have perfected such a method and I sincerely hope that they will leave behind a keen band of converts to carry on the good work which they are starting here. Given such zeal and an efficient organisation, I have no doubt that the future of many homes in China will be brighter and the lot of the average Chinese mother will be much happier. I wish you, Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn, every success in your humane work here as well as in other places.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to rise and drink heartily with me to the health of Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn."



Mr. Ho Kom-tong, host of the luncheon, is seen in the foreground, seated at the head of the table, with Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn seated next to him.



Mrs. Margaret Sanger, right, the American birth control advocate, and Mrs. How-Martyn, Hon. Director of the Birth Control International Centre, London, photographed on board the S.S. Corbi yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL TEAMS

Selections For Next Monday

The first interport hockey trial in preparation for the forthcoming match against Macau, will take place on Monday next at 5 p.m. on a ground to be notified later, when the following are requested to turn out:—

Probables (In Whites):—A. B. Owens (Army); U. B. Soun (Radio); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Khan Bahadur (Army); L. Oliveira (Argonauts); W. A. Reed (Club); and Alf Din (Army); Lt. E. Robinson (Army); Sarnagat Singh (Radio); Arwar Singh (R.I.C.); D. Carey (Club) and Pte. Nolan (Army).

Possibles (In Colours):—Spr. Howlett (Army) and Lt. Comdr. Garwood (Army); Lt. Comdr. J. E. Brooks (Army); and Kishen Singh (Army); Lt. J. P. Williams (Army); Spr. Brown (Army) and Lt. Davies (Army); G. E. R. Divett (Club); Lt. C. C. Garthwaite (Army); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); Lt. Burch (Army) and Lal Singh (Army).

Reserves:—J. E. Potter and Pte. Cox (Army) (Backs); Lt. Spence (Army) and A. Silver (Radio) (Forwards); Lt. Dawson (Army); Lt. Wright (Army); J. M. Pinto (R.I.C.) and S. A. Fowler (Club) (Forwards).

A practice match between the Colony and the Rest will be arranged for 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, March 1, on the Naval ground at King's Park.

ger and Mrs. How-Martyn and to the success of their work here."

The Guests Reply

The toast having been duly honoured, Mrs. Sanger replied thanking Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong for their charming hospitality. She appreciated so much, she said, the fine understanding of her host relating to the conditions of the people in Hong Kong, and what birth-control would do for them. She agreed with Mr. Ho Kom-tong that the mother of large families would be happy and contented to have half the number properly spared and brought into the world with some consideration of the mother's health and the father's earning capacity. All normal parents wanted children but there was a difference between the mother having three or four spared children that she could bring up properly and the woman with a pregnancy year after year, resulting in six or seven children surviving and the same number dying before the first year. Mr. Ho Kom-tong was right, she said, in assuming that we had found a method—simple, harmless, inexpensive and suitable to the masses—which would not cost more than a dollar a year when properly dispensed under public health auspices.

Mrs. Sanger was followed by Mrs. How-Martyn, who said: "I have great pleasure in thanking Mr. Ho Kom-tong and through him all good friends in Hong Kong, not only for myself but on behalf of the Birth-control International Centre in London which I represent. Mr. Ho Kom-tong's speech of welcome and his delightful appreciation of what we are trying to do will be read in London at the weekly meeting of our Centre with the deepest interest and appreciation. It will easily bridge the gap of 16,000 miles and they will feel in London that here in Hong Kong we have friends who are working in the same spirit as ourselves for the great cause of birth-control, which is fundamental to the happiness of mankind."

THE HONG KONG SINGERS

Splendid Performance Of "The Messiah"

LARGE AUDIENCE PRESENT

The Hong Kong Singers added yet another to their long list of successes by last evening's presentation of "The Messiah" at St. John's Cathedral before a crowded and distinguished audience. Almost every seat in the Cathedral was occupied, among those present being H. E. the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, and the President of the Singers, Lady Southorn, both accompanied by parties.

Generally the production was of a high standard throughout and amply added to the excellent reputation of the Singers and their very efficient conductor and coach, Mr. J. Anderson Miller, L.R.A.M.

The Chorus singing was precise, dignified and expressive. "For Unto Us a Child is Born" and the lovely "Behold the Lamb of God" were the two best sung choruses, with "Since by man came death" and "Glory to God" not very far behind in quality and treatment. Especially in the first-mentioned the interpretation was impressive. The climaxes of "Wonderful, Counsellor," with their swelling resonance of tone and crashing crescendo, displayed chorus singing not far removed from the very best.

That Mr. Anderson Miller has moulded his material into this pianist and sensitive vehicle is an immense credit to himself, and while the Singers retain his services as interpreter and conductor they will stand the closest scrutiny and criticism. This is high praise and it is meant as such.

The Soloists

Three of the four soloists of the evening added considerably to the general excellence of the performance. Mr. W. J. Phelps (Tenor) started off well, his "Comfort ye my people" being excellently sung, but he tailed off badly towards the end. His final Recitative and Air were poor; Mr. Phelps gave us the impression that he was not sufficiently familiar with his material, which was a pity since he has a pleasant voice and might have done a great deal with the music at his disposal.

Of the other soloists, Mrs. J. Anderson Miller (Soprano) was as usual supremely confident, her tonal production and perfect control very much amplifying the delicacy of her interpretation throughout. Specially worthy of mention are the airs "I know that My Redeemer liveth" and "Come unto Him."

Mrs. H. Lockhart (Contralto) made most effective use of the lovely music at her disposal, especially the "He shall feed His flock" and "O thou that tellest" airs. Her voice has an effortless quality which is most attractive, and she did full justice to all that was required of her.

Baritone Solos

The Rev. H. W. Baines (Baritone) perhaps lacked the robust heaviness which such airs as "The trumpet shall sound" and "Why do the heathen" require, but his rendering of "The people that walked in darkness," accompanied as it was on the organ with all the delightful woodwind work in the original orchestration beautifully brought out, was one of the most satisfying items of the whole evening. He sang his solos throughout with rare understanding and sympathy, and, (Continued at foot of Column 7.)



Mr. J. Anderson Miller, conductor of the Hong Kong Singers, is seen in the foreground, seated at the head of the table, with Mrs. Sanger and Mrs. How-Martyn seated next to him.

Today's Short Story

Eccentric Miss Fludyer

By Herbert Jarmayne

THERE was no gainsaying Miss Fludyer's eccentricities. They were patent to everyone with whom she came in contact, and frankly admitted by the lady herself. On the other hand, her attractions were equally manifest, though modestly discounted by their owner. She was almost, if not quite, the most popular of all the throng of visitors who came and went throughout July and August at the big private hotel at Deanstrand.

Standing in extensive grounds, which included two or three good

tennis courts, a bowling green, a clock-golf green, a rose garden, an orchard, and a large patch of woodland, the house was so conveniently near the sea that bathing from one's room, with the added luxury of a hot bath immediately afterwards, was possible at any state of the tide.

The hotel did not open its portals to all and sundry, relying rather upon recommendation than upon advertisement.

Thither came Miss Fludyer in early June, and in a few days she was almost a feature of the place.

She was by no means young, not particularly good-looking, though smartly turned out, from her neatly shingled grey head to her well-shod feet. Somewhat stout of build, she became constantly her inability to cope with adipose tissue. She possessed a rather deep but musical speaking voice which could, in moments of agitation, rise to something approaching a wail, the agitation usually being caused by the loss of some one of her many possessions.

One day it was her rings, which were obviously of great value; on another occasion it would be one of her many pairs of glasses, or her scissors, or her purse.

"One of these days, Fluddy, dear," observed a girl visitor, "you will lose your identity. And then where should we all be?"

The night after the departure of a famous ornithologist, Harold Cleghorn, the wag of the moment, had given an extremely diverting burlesque lecture, in the course of

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Sin of Sister Christabel," by Keith Bradbury.

which he had commented on the habits of the "Fluddy bird" with its melancholy cry, as it fitted over the strand or through the woodland, of: "I can't find it!" The imitation was perfect, and no one laughed more heartily than the subject of his discourse, as she did again when he touched upon the frequent inability of the said bird to find its proper roosting place. Of this, more anon.

Miss Fludyer's losses were never of long duration, whether upon the beach, in the hotel, or in the grounds. Always was found an army willing to form itself into a search party at any hour of the day or night, for Miss Fludyer was popular with young and old of both sexes.

She was such a "dear old thing." So helpless in many ways, especially in the water. Yet, in other respects, a person of infinite resource in the service of others.

Within a very few days no party was complete without her, and her undoubted ability in organisation and advice was sought and obtained.

She was a brilliant pianist, could read anything at sight and extemporise to songs she did not know; play the accompaniments of many others from memory, devise costumes for charades, help in the arranging of progressive games, play a good hand at auction, dance well and gracefully in spite of her bulk. Then, breathless as she was, she would sit down and play footraces and tangos until the gramophone was turned on again and half a dozen young men had disputed with each other for her partnership in the next dance.

Her repertoire was swift and smart. She flirted ridiculously and openly with any one of the men visitors bold enough to start such a rag. She was persona grata with the elder women, and talked with understanding and intelligence about just the particular subjects in which her partner of the moment was most interested.

As a matter of course, new arrivals were introduced to her, and departing visitors showered invitations upon her.

"I shouldn't think your flat will see much of you this winter, Fluddy," observed a broad-shouldered young undergraduate seated on the sand by her deck chair one hot August morning. "And there doesn't seem much chance of your needing to start alone in this campaign."

"Oh, I don't know," answered Miss Fludyer. "You see, I am rather a shy person really. No, don't laugh, I really am. But I do like to see people happy all round me, and I feel I must do

U.S. SEAMAN CHARGED

Alleged Assault At Mac's Kitchen

John Malvicina, Bosun's Mate on the American river gunboat Tulsa, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy with assaulting Mr. MacPortland, proprietor of Mac's Kitchen, at No. 42 Lockhart Street, at the restaurant yesterday.

As the complainant was not able to attend court this morning the case was adjourned for 48 hours, defendant being allowed bail for \$50.

Detective-Sergeant Fitches said that at 10 p.m. yesterday the defendant came into the premises and sat down at a table, with his head on it. The complainant was called and as defendant had apparently been drinking, he called for a rickshaw and tapped the defendant on the shoulder and asked him to leave.

Defendant is then alleged to have got up and struck complainant to the ground and hit him in the face and stomach.

LOCAL ESTATE

European Resident Leaves \$23,000

Joyce Adye Miskin, late of No. 104, the Peak, who died at the War Memorial Hospital on January 9, left local estate valued at \$4,900. A petition by Geoffrey Miskin, widower, for letters of administration, has been granted.

Samuel Baker, late of No. 23, Church Road, Osterley Park, Isleworth, Middlesex, who died at the age of 63 on December 8, 1935, left local estate valued at \$23,000. A petition by H. J. Armstrong, solicitor, for letters of administration with the will annexed, has been granted.

Courtney Carding, late of No. 17, Courtfield Road, South Kensington, Middlesex, who died at No. 3, Courtfield Gardens, on June 25, 1935, left local estate valued at \$2,200. An application by Michael Howard Turner, solicitor, for sealing a certified copy of the probate, has been granted.

INVESTITURE AT PALACE

160 People Decorated By The King

London, To-day. His Majesty the King held his second investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday. This being a private investiture, the King wore ordinary dress. He decorated 160 persons who were included in King George's New Year Honours. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

course, that absolute clarity of diction which we have come to associate with him.

The amateur orchestra led by Mr. H. L. Evele was in good form throughout, and Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, P.E.C.O., L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., has never accompanied on the Cathedral organ with such complete understanding and delicate stressing of orchestral effects.

The whole evening was a great success in every way. The proceedings were opened and closed by brief prayers, spoken by the Rev. H. W. Baines. The charitable funds for which the musical was organised will benefit by \$412 of interest from the audience.

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The Dilwara is a motor vessel of 11,050 tons, with length 490 feet and breadth of 65 feet. She is of strikingly handsome appearance with her yellow funnel and white hull carrying a bright blue band from stem to stern.

A special feature of the ship is that she has in the first place been designed in co-operation with H.M. Sea Transport Department, and she is the first troopship to have been designed and built throughout in accordance with the requirements of the authorities.

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There is accommodation for 1,150 troop ratings in hammocks on the main and lower decks. Separate staterooms with two, three and four berths are provided for the men's wives and families, who also have their dining and sitting rooms.

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Cruises Planned

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It is not known where or with what troops the Dilwara will make her first voyage, all arrangements of this kind being a matter for the authorities and out of the hands of the owners as soon as the ship is taken over.

3-HOUR BILLIARDS ENCOUNTER

Silva's Narrow Win
Over Gill

In a game lasting almost three hours, at the Civil Service Cricket Club last night, M.M. da Silva defeated E.A. Gill by 600 points to 470 in the Senior Billiards Championship. Silva checked up a break of 80, while Gill managed a 44.

In the Junior Championship C.A. Cunha beat Leung Siu-nan by 500 points to 229 at the Dockyard Recreation Club. No outstanding breaks were recorded in this match.



Damon Runyon, John Clements, James Kilgallen, Sid Boehm

Newspaper reporters will make up the entire membership of 18 official witnesses to see Bruno Hauptmann walk the last mile in the New Jersey State Prison at Trenton. The law provides for six members, but William Col. Kibberling appointed the other 12 required witnesses from their profession because he felt the execution was of world-wide interest.

THE P. & O. MANY CHANGES IN COMMANDS

Captain F. Sudell
To Retire

A number of changes are to be made in the commands of the P. and O. liners, and the officers concerned include some who have been known for many years to passengers on the Indian, Straits and China run, as well as on the Australian.

The changes are due in the first place to the retirement of Captain F. Sudell, who completes his services with the P. and O. on the completion of the cruise which the Strathmore is now making to the West Indies. She sailed on Saturday, January 11, with a passenger list which reads literally like a page out of the Court Circular, so many are the notables of Society on board. Mr. G. P. Hughes, the well-known tennis player, is also making this cruise.

Other changes
On Captain Sudell's retirement the command of the Strathmore will fall to Captain Harrison, previously in command of the Strathnaver. The vacancy on the Strathnaver is being filled by Captain Lyndon, who goes to her from the Mooltan, and Captain Carter, previously of the Ranpura, takes command of the Mooltan. The new Commander of the Ranpura is Captain Legg, who is taking up duty again after a leave which followed the recent sale for breaking up of the Mantua.

The changes are being made as the various ships come into port to turn round for their next passage.

ARMY RUGBY WIN OVER CLUB

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Evans was a great opportunist and his try, resulting from an interception, was one of many such tries he has scored this season.

Evans opened the scoring with a fine penalty goal, but McGilchrist broke through soon after in a fine effort to level the scores, Frost falling with the kick.

Fine Interception

In the second half Frost sent the Club ahead with a brilliant penalty goal from the touchline, but Evans executed a brilliant interception from Bonmar to Griffiths near the Club goal-line to score between the posts. Lt. Ervine Andrews converting.

Soon after, loose play near the Club line saw Ervine Andrews score, but he failed to add the goal points. With the Club backs fast tiring, Duncan added another try for the Army when he followed up a kick to gather the ball on the run and score between the posts for Ervine Andrews to convert the effort.

Just before the end Archer broke away in a solo effort and scored between the posts for Frost to add the necessary points.

LA SALLE COLLEGE SPORTS

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In the spirit events P. Castro is likely to give Gottsche a good run for his money, and speculation is now rife as to whether the favourite will be able to hold his own.

Open Events

Among the open events are ones for Old Boys, an Open Invitation relay for schools and one for old boys of St. Joseph's College.

Inter-class events promise to be keenly contested, particularly in the Tag-of-war and relays. Two items which would contribute

DAWN STAR LIKELY OUTSIDER

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The Derby

I have nothing further to report with regard to Royal Scot, except to say that she is now fully prepared for the Derby. Although expected to win, I am afraid that she will now have to meet stern opposition from Bear Claw. This pony went over the Derby distance last Saturday morning with Mr. Frost on top and, with Pontiac Bay to maintain the pace, she polished off the distance in the splendid time of 3:21, finishing the last quarter in 0:30.2.

On Sunday morning, Rosemary was given a real try-out on a sodden track with Mr. Encarnacao up. The full time was 3:30 4/5 for 1 1/2 miles, last quarter 0:30.3. In view of the improvement shown by these two ponies, it is now difficult to predict with any degree of certainty as to which pony is likely to carry off the honours in the classic.

It has been rumoured that Silversmith is likely to cause an upset in the Derby. That remains to be seen, however, but if his morning gallops are to serve as any guide, I am going to give him a wide miss. He is not as good as he has been reported to be.

Dawn Star is another pony showing signs of improvement, and, with Mr. D. S. Li up, she is the most likely pony to create a surprise.

New Subscription Griffins

Mr. Needa has had a try-out on quite a number of subscription griffins, and, although not definitely decided, it is believed that he has selected Balise and Unicorn as his mounts. The former is probably good for a sprint event, whereas the latter is definitely suited to the longer distances.

There is no doubt that The Gorilla is one of the best, if not actually the best, among the new subs. He has been very consistent in training. The Hero is another pony making good progress. Celebration Time had a gallop over the three-quarter mile with Lancashire Loom, but finished badly. In appearance she is the best looking pony and, with Mr. Pote-Hunt in the saddle, she may yet prove a menace in the Wong-Nel-Cheong Stakes.

New Australians

There is hardly anything to report with regard to the new "Anesies". A Grand Time is showing improvement, but nothing much has been seen of Able Warrior. It is difficult to say whether he has yet fully recovered from his recent lameness. Mr. Don Black took out Strathroy the other morning, and he did a very impressive gallop. Holiday Eve is another pony showing marked improvement.

ROAD 120FT. WIDE

The road from Hall to Anlabi is to be widened for a distance of 1,466 yards, and will have two separate carriage ways, with an overall width varying from 100ft. to 120ft.

greatly towards the Inter-Class Championship.

Unfortunate coincidence
It is an unfortunate coincidence that the sports should fall on the same day as the opening of the annual race meeting, which will probably rob the sports of many spectators.

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E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18	July 27
E/Canada	July 24	July 26	July 29	July 31	Aug. 7	Aug. 12
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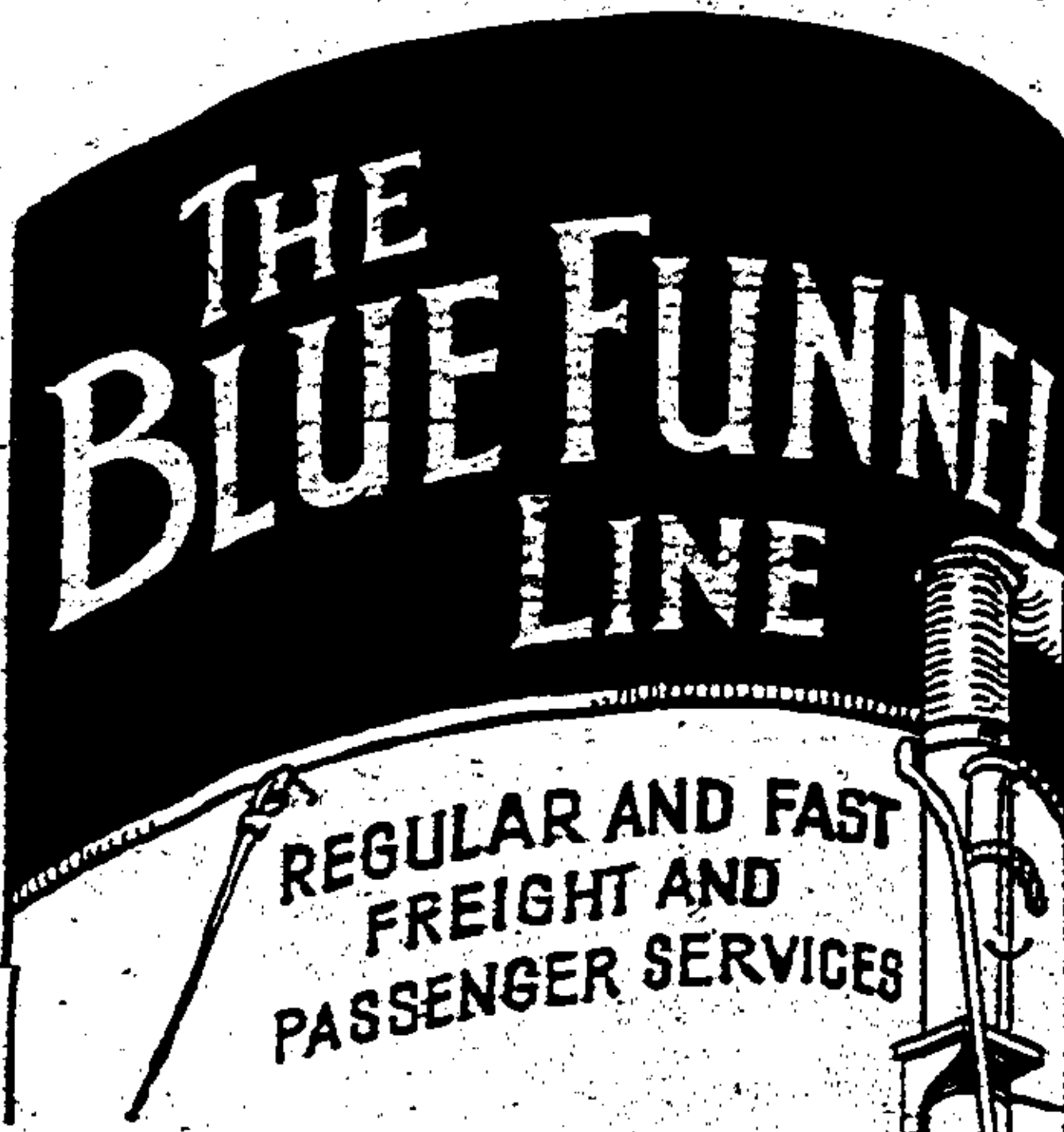
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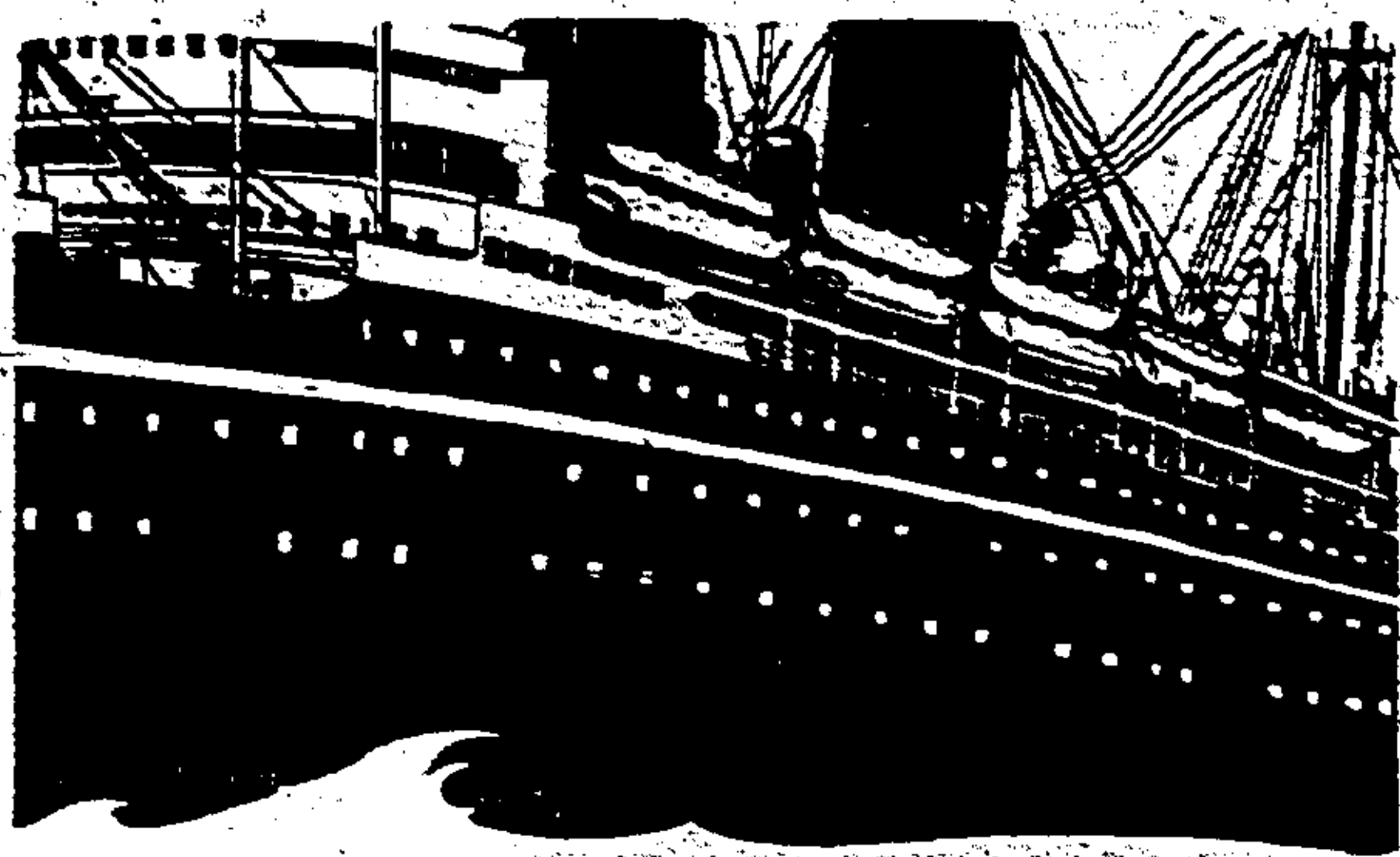
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Eccentric Miss Fludger

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And then and subsequently it transpired that in her younger days Miss Fludger had travelled much, and seen many strange places, and could tell many strange tales. She was a bad raconteur, and Dorothy Bentham, another of her girl adores, said afterwards that you'd fairly got to "shake things out of Fludger," but that she was "well worth shaking."

As Dorothy sat down to dinner that evening she observed to her opposite: "Poor old Fludger was in trouble again. When I went up to dress I found her hanging on to my bedroom door, shaking the handle vigorously, and cursing the while because she wanted a nice hot bath before dinner, and someone had bagged her pet, particular bathroom. I gently explained, and the poor old thing was so apologetic. As usual she had gone up the wrong staircase, lost her way in the corridor—she's as blind as a bat without her spectacles—and then she dropped, one by one, her spongebag, the handkerchief from the pocket of her dressing gown, and her cigarette case and her matches. She always smokes in her bath, she told me so."

The poor lady was soundly chaffed that evening and "we it with great good humour, though uttering feeble protests."

"The other day," she said, "I did find the bathroom. It was the afternoon that I went to sit with Mrs. Meldrum when she sprained her ankle, and there was someone having a bath and they hadn't locked the door. I had mislaid my third pair of glasses, so I couldn't see who it was, but I judged from what I heard that it was a man." She searched the faces of those present quizzically. "If anyone blushes—I shall know that he has a remarkable flow of language."

Came at last a day when a long drive and a picnic tea had been arranged. Among the number of those who had elected to remain at Deanstrand was Miss Fludger.

The six cars with their full complement of passengers were standing at the door after lunch when Miss Fludger, in a typical state of agitation, appeared.

"I have lost my keys," she wailed. "I've looked everywhere for them, and I can't find them. And all my boxes are locked, and I don't know what I shall do."

"Well, we can't hold up any longer," Dorothy Bentham said. "Haven't you any idea where you could have lost them?"

Miss Fludger sadly shook her head, and the corners of her mouth trembled a little.

"Oh, hang it all!" The undergraduate pressed forward sympathetically. "Here, Fludger, take my bunch and try what you can do with those."

The example thus set was followed by all, more or less, of the occupants of the cars.

"And if that's not enough," added Harold Cleghorn, "go down to the beach or round the bowling green and borrow a few more."

"Oh, but I dare not take all these," exclaimed the poor soul bewilderedly. "I shall never remember whose they are."

"Don't worry about that," answered young Cleghorn. "We'll sort them out when we come back this evening. Bright thought! We'll be blindfolded and do it by feel, and the one who guesses his own keys wins the prize. Good-bye, Fludger dear, and don't worry. You'll manage all right somehow."

Miss Fludger departed, and evidently took the proffered advice, for a little later in the afternoon she had acquired sundry other bunches.

The motor party returned with barely time to bath and change, and were greeted with the distressing tidings that "Poor Miss Fludger" had received a telegram just after tea which had evidently contained bad news. On reading it she had turned very pale, obviously had been struggling against tears, and then had announced that she must go and pack at once and catch the next train to town.

Mrs. Meldrum and one of the maids had helped in her packing, indeed had done it for her, for the poor lady was in no case to look after herself. When they had gone to her room—she was kneeling in the midst of a perfect chaos with suspiciously red eyes—her boxes had been locked by the aid of the various borrowed keys. Her own were still missing.

The news cast quite a gloom

over the hotel.

What rotten luck it was. They had been having a lovely day, and they had all looked forward to such a jolly evening.

There was no blindfold competition. The various bunches of keys were reclaimed by their respective owners.

Half an hour later confusion reigned in the hotel, and the proprietors were interviewed by a number of irate visitors all at once. Their belongings had been gone through most systematically and thoroughly. A most discriminating choice of jewellery had been made, and a good many notes of various denominations were missing also. Gold tops of dressing-case fittings too had vanished; articles of tortoise-shell and ivory had disappeared from the toilet tables. In short, Miss Fludger had made a very good and comprehensive haul.

The truth was gradually borne in upon the victims and the telephone wires were soon busy.

Shortly after dinner the police arrived, and late that night a representative from Scotland Yard.

"We will do our best," he promised, "but I'm afraid it is hopeless."

This surmise was correct. For almost at that precise moment in a Continental night boat, Miss Fludger and her associates (a small but select gang of hotel thieves among whom she was known as "Swanky Sal") were estimating the value of that lady's haul, and laughing heartily at her vivid and ribald account of her adventures at Deanstrand.

(The End)

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R.N.Y.P. v. Carr. Sgts. Mess
Brotherston 48 Andrews 150
Gwyther 64 Russell 150
Philpott 150 Finch 73
Stafford 150 Greenway 56
Alexandra 144 Culmore 150
Breaks: Russell 32; Philpott 30.

C.U.C. v. P.O. Mess
Santos 150 Shaw 55
Gill 128 C. Pile 120
Silva 150 Perry 122
Antonio 150 Willerton 127
Jordan 150 Hill 109
Breaks: Antonio 66; Gill 42. Santos 37.

C.S.C.C. v. C.P.O. Club
Phillips 150 Mallett 101
Jones 115 Edmonds 150
McGowan 150 Bogerson 69
Rakman 150 Kennedy 109
Grimmatt 150 Savage 103
Breaks: L. Castillo 40.

Garr. Sgts. Mess v. St. Patrick's
Andrews 150 Remondino 90
Russell 150 Percine 67
Greenway 107 Castillo 150
John 150 Santos 150
Finch 139 Baptista 142
Breaks: Andrews 35; Baptista 31.

R.N.Y.P. v. R.E. Mess
Stafford 150 Warr 149
Philpott 55 Harries 150
B. Gwyther 111 Staples 150
Down 120 Collins 150
Gorman 150 Chant 103
Breaks: G. P. O. Mess 150.

A.R.C. v. P. O. Mess
Alderman 97 P. Pile 150
Newham 150 Shaw 120
Lewis 150 Willerton 52
Ash 99 C. Pile 150
Edwards 92 Hill 150
Breaks: T. Pile 45.

C.P.O. Club v. C.S.C.C.
Darwent 108 Jones 150
Savage 150 Rakman 121
Woodhouse 48 Phillips 150
Rogerson 150 Grimmatt 99
Ramsay 128 McGowan 150
Breaks: G. P. O. Mess 150.

D.R.C. v. Carr. Sgts.
Newham 150 Sgt. Finch 96
Lewis 150 Andrews 103
Ash 150 Russell 109
Marsh 128 John 150
Bright 80 Greenway 150

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

C.U.C. P. W. L. F. A.
13 11 2 49 15
P. O. Mess 14 9 5 40 39
R. E. Sgts. 13 9 4 29 26
C.S.C.C. 13 9 4 27 22
D. R. C. 14 7 7 23 37
Garr. Sgts. 13 7 6 23 32
C.P.O. Club 13 7 6 23 32
R. N. Y. P. 14 5 7 22 13
St. Patrick's 12 1 11 17 43
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FREE STATE SENATE ABOLISHED

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Irish citizens to obtain a decision from the Supreme Court upon the validity of any Act inconsistent with that Treaty, equally with the right of the judges themselves to security of tenure, lies henceforth at the mercy of a chance majority in the Chamber.

Now there are forces stirring in Ireland not far below the surface, which, before many years are past, may cause Mr. De Valera himself to be looked upon as a moderate and Constitutionally-minded statesman, even as John Redmond and Mr. Cosgrave, once regarded as dangerous agitators, are now regarded. Let these forces get a firmer grip on the Dail (by no means an unlikely event), and Great Britain might find herself faced over-night by the accomplished fact of a Soviet Republic lawfully established by Act of a Dominion Parliament upon the Ulster border and within two hours' steaming of Holyhead.

Power Is There

I know very well that all this will sound fantastically impossible in English ears. I only wish I could think it were probable. Unquestionably the power will be there; and I know nothing in the political outlook of my countrymen which suggests that the power will not be used.

In a situation dark with menace I can see but one gleam of hope; and that, oddly enough, is to be found in the baffling, tortuous, but fundamentally sincere mind of Mr. De Valera himself.

I cannot think that he is blind to the dangers to stability and order inherent in single-chamber government; and though his public pronouncements have not gone beyond beyond an admission that some check on too hasty legislation is desirable and a hint that this might take the shape of a sixth stage in the consideration of bills by the Dail, with attention directed particularly to the removal of technical flaws, there is reason to think that in private he has for many months been giving most serious consideration to the reconstitution of the Senate upon new lines.

Reliable Informants

So, at any rate, I am told by two exceptionally reliable informants—one himself a Senator of long experience and independent judgment, the other a person whose duties bring him into daily touch with the present Irish Government.

Unfortunately, however, abstract perfection is not to be found more easily in Senates than in any other of man's creations; and Mr. De Valera is of those who, in pursuit of perfection, are ready to pull down than to build up.

That the Senate as now constituted will disappear is certain. That anything better, or indeed anything at all, will take its place is unfortunately by no means to be taken for granted.

"La Douma est morte," Campbell-Bannerman cried on a historic occasion to a meeting in Westminster Hall, "Vive la Douma!" I wish one could now with any confidence echo that cry.

AMERICA'S CUP

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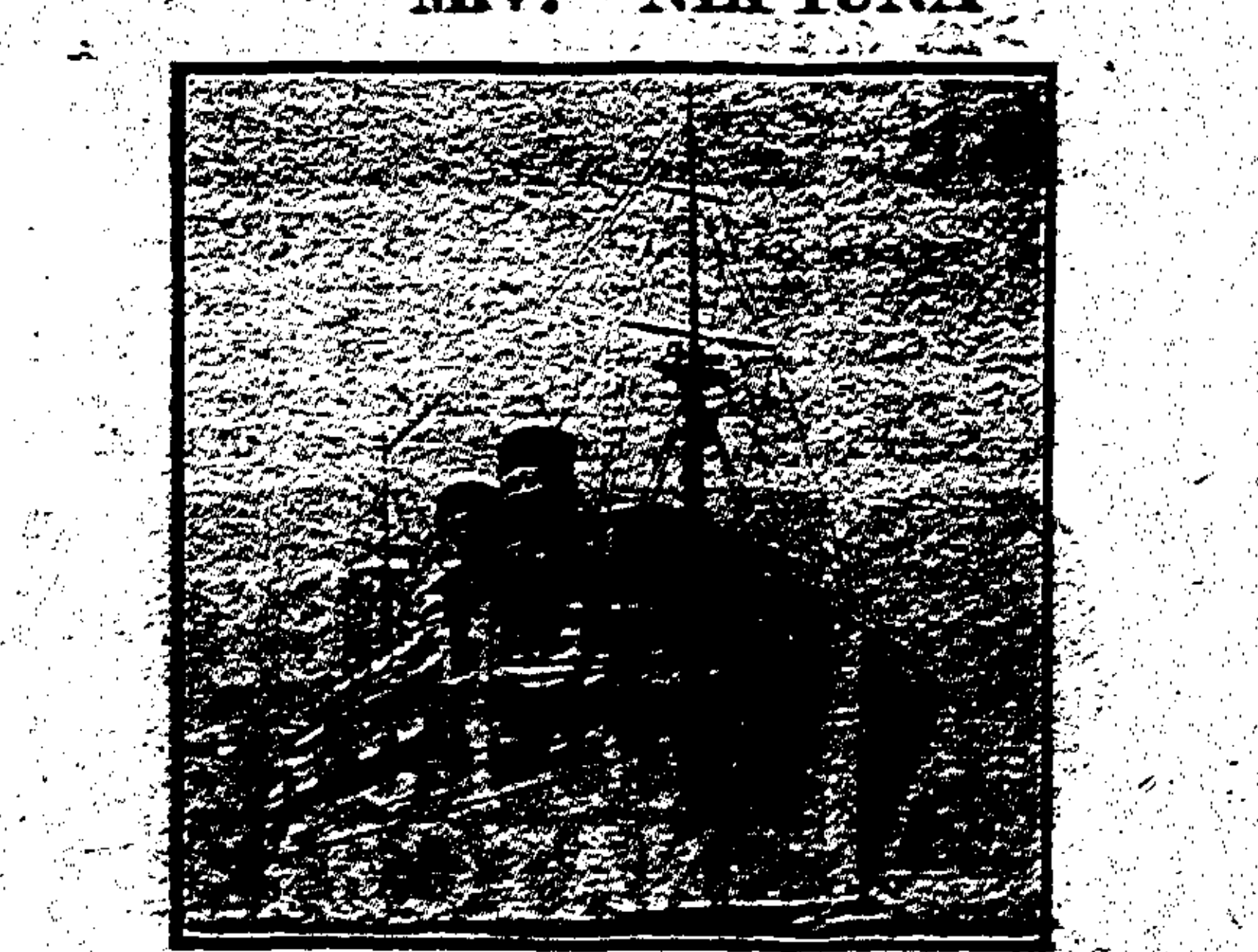
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H.M. THE KING

Makes First Public Appearance

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR VISITED

London, To-day. His Majesty the King fulfilled his first public function yesterday when he visited the British Industries Fair at Olympia in the afternoon, attended by Mr. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, and Lord Harewood. He received a most cordial welcome in the streets, while his tour of the stands inside the Fair was punctuated by cheers.

He first visited the Dominion and Colonial stands, where he recalled many incidents of his overseas tours. At the New Zealand stand he tasted some prize cheese and at the South African stand he had some Kenya coffee.

By the King's request the informal bowler hat replaced the top hat, which was the custom of previous years. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

INTRIGUES BY NAZIS

Protest Meeting In Switzerland

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Berne, Switzerland.

A protest meeting against the "National-Socialist intrigues in Switzerland" was organised here by the Social Democrats and the trade-unions, when a resolution was passed demanding the immediate prohibition of all foreign National-Socialist or Fascist organisations in Switzerland.

The same motion was carried in the Social Democrat proclamation held in the "People's House" in Zurich, but was reinforced by the demand for the resignation of the two Federal Councilors. — Trans-Ocean Service.

CRISIS IN SPAIN

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It is strongly rumoured that President Zamora wishes to resign immediately, but Don Agana has asked him to await the opening of the Cortes. The President's attitude apparently arises from the results of the general election. The Left leader, Don Agana, has been asked to form a Cabinet.

No reactionary outbreak is expected from the Fascists, their leader, Don Gil Robles, having declared that he bows to the judgment of the people.

Apart from about 30 seats in the Cortes which are still undecided, the latest election returns give 237 seats to the Left, 150 to the Right and 50 to the Centre. — Reuter.

COUP RUMOURS DENIED

The Spanish Cabinet tendered its resignations to the President of the Republic, Don Alcala Zamora, yesterday afternoon, this being the inevitable consequence of Sunday's election results. The President has entrusted the Left Republican Don Azana with the task of forming a new cabinet.

The Government denies categorically all rumours, which, nevertheless, are still persistent, that a military coup is likely to break out at any moment.

General Franco and General Godel have given their word of honour that they had no intention to revolt. General Franco said that the army is at one with the Government in the intention of maintaining peace and order.

DRAMATIC RETURN

Madrid. Reports from Barcelona state that the former President of the Catalan Parliament, Senor Casanova, who was last year able to break out of the Barcelona prison and escape to Paris, has returned to the Catalonian capital.

Senor Casanova, who was sentenced to penal servitude for life for participation in the separatist revolt in 1934, was discovered by Deputies sitting in the Presidential chair, this being the first indication of his return.

GIL ROBLES RESIGNS

The leader of the Catholic Peoples' Party, Don Gil Robles, has resigned because he was charged by the Right Wing with responsibility for the election defeat, which was carried on in accordance with a programme which is now described as "misguided." — Trans-Ocean Service.



The Hon. Inspector-General of Police, Mr. T. H. King, second from left, with members of the Fire Brigade and Public Works Department, surveying the scene of yesterday's tenement house collapse in Yumati. ("China Mail" photo).

BRITAIN'S TRADE BALANCE

FAVOURABLE FOR LAST YEAR

London, To-day.

Despite an excess of visible imports over exports of £263,000,000, Britain in 1935 had a favourable balance of trade, including invisible exports of £37,000,000, compared with an adverse balance of £1,000,000 in the previous year. The chief items contributing to the invisible exports were shipping (£75,000,000) and income from overseas investments (£185,000,000). — Reuter.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA

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TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE Rome. The deliberations between the Secretary of State for the Foreign Ministry and the Austrian Foreign Minister, Baron von Bergr-Waldenegg, which were, according to the last official report from the Italian Foreign Ministry, not to go beyond the customary courtesies, lasted more than four hours.

In the course of this time Signor Savich even had a telephone conversation with Rome. The following official communique was then issued:

"The Under-Secretary of State in the Foreign Office, Signor Savich, came to Florence to pay a visit to the Austrian Foreign Minister, Baron von Bergr-Waldenegg, who is spending a few days here. The cordial and friendly exchange of views that took place enabled both statesmen to examine the general situation, and in particular the relations between Italy and Austria and the other Danubian States.

"With satisfaction it was established that complete agreement existed, both as regards views and interests and the mutual intention to continue the policy inaugurated by the Italo-Austro-Hungarian agreement in Rome in 1934."

It is declared that Italy feels itself by no means so hampered by the East African engagement as to be hindered in its Danubian policy. — Trans-Ocean Service.

NEW NAVAL TREATY

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at Washington, formally presented to the Under-Secretary of State a request from the French Government that the United States should consent to a reduction in the size of battleships, will be referred to Mr. Norman Davis in London. Thus America's re-affirmation of her requirement of a 35,000-ton battleship seems to be assured.

FRANCO-BRITISH TALKS?

As Britain has tacitly agreed with America to support the big battleship in return for the United States' agreement to a holiday in building big cruisers, the next step is expected to be Franco-British negotiations in the nature of bargaining over the European air pact and Germany's invitation to sign the treaty.

Admiral Corbin saw Mr. Norman Davis from 4.30 to 5.30 yesterday and will see Mr. Anthony Eden to-day.

ITALIAN VIEWPOINT

Rome. Admiral Raimondo Biscia and other naval officers were received by Signor Mussolini. It is understood that questions concerning the Italian navy were discussed in relation to the programme based on the 27,000-ton plan continuing the London Na-

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CEREMONY AT TUNG WAH INSTITUTION

Full Chinese rites were observed in the main hall of the Tung Wah Hospital this morning, when Mr. Lo Wing-kit, comrade of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, officially took over the duties of Chairman of the Board of Directors controlling the Tung Wah, the Tung Wah Eastern and the Kwong Wah Hospitals, and the new Directors took over their offices.

Prior to the ceremony, the final meeting of the previous Board of Directors was held, after which the new Chairman and Directors paid homage before the picture of Sun Nung, the originator of Chinese medicine.

In welcoming Mr. Lo Wing-kit, Mr. Peter E. Sin, the retiring Chairman, congratulated him and wished him every success in his office, and, according to the Chinese custom, gave the new Chairman and each of the new Directors a cup of Chinese tea, after which they were personally congratulated by the guests.

Just before sitting down to tiffin, Mr. Sin took the Chairman and Directors through the Tung Wah Hospital and introduced them to the staff.

After tiffin they were taken to the Tung Wah Eastern and the Kwong Wah Hospitals.

The following are the new Directors: Messrs. Lo Wing-kit (Chairman), Ngan Kang-hoi, Chan Cheuk-man, Kan Sin-cho, Lau King-king, Cheung Lan-chow, S. Ng Quinn, Chan Tsing-chow, Mok Ya-kei, Chan Chun-tak, Leung Pak-chung and Dr. Shi Man-wai.

M.C.L. FLAG DAY

\$1,142.73 Gathered In Street Collections

The net profit on the Hong Kong Ministering League and Ministering Children's League's Flag Day held on Saturday last, amounted to \$1,142.73. The following is a list of those who sold flags:

The Misses A. Greig, E. McKelvie, P. Crookdake, J. Sturgeon, J. Gray, D. Craig, E. Tong, S. Lee, K. Ma, D. Pong, M. Cheung, E. Yan, M. Chan, C. Chan, M. Lo, M. Chong, J. Chong, T. Chong, R. Alabaster, E. Monkton, B. Hance, C. King, D. Campbell, J. Lake, E. Hunt, C. and V. Crappell, P. Gibbons, M. Middleton-Smith, P. Kwok, M. McFar, R. and M. King, J. and V. Ralston, J. and G. Lakeman, P. Stringer, M. Gardiner, R. Ingram, A. Fisher, A. and M. Lishovetsky, J. Holland, J. Parkinson, M. Paterson, M. Moy, P. Brown, M. Lawrence, V. and C. Stimson, D. Moss, M. Carrington-Sykes.

Other helpers included Sellers of St. Stephen's Girls' College, the Peak School, Diocesan Girls' School and St. Paul's Girls' College.

NATIVE COAL IN CANTON

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The reason for introducing this tax is to protect native coal, while another strong reason is to increase the revenue of the Provincial Department of Finance. The scale of the tax will shortly be announced.

Canton consumes coal from the Kailan mines in North China or those in Keelung, Formosa. The provincial authorities are developing the mines in Dog's Teeth Cave, a mountain in Southern Hunan, a franchise having been granted by the Hunan Provincial Government to the Kwangtung authorities. When that mine is exploited, Kwangtung will not have to depend on imported coal.

val Conference, but no solution was reached.

According to well-informed quarters Italy never broached the subject of reducing the 35,000-ton battleship and is not prepared to consider scrapping the two on which she has already embarked, and embarking on a new programme based on the 27,000-ton battleship. — Reuter.

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